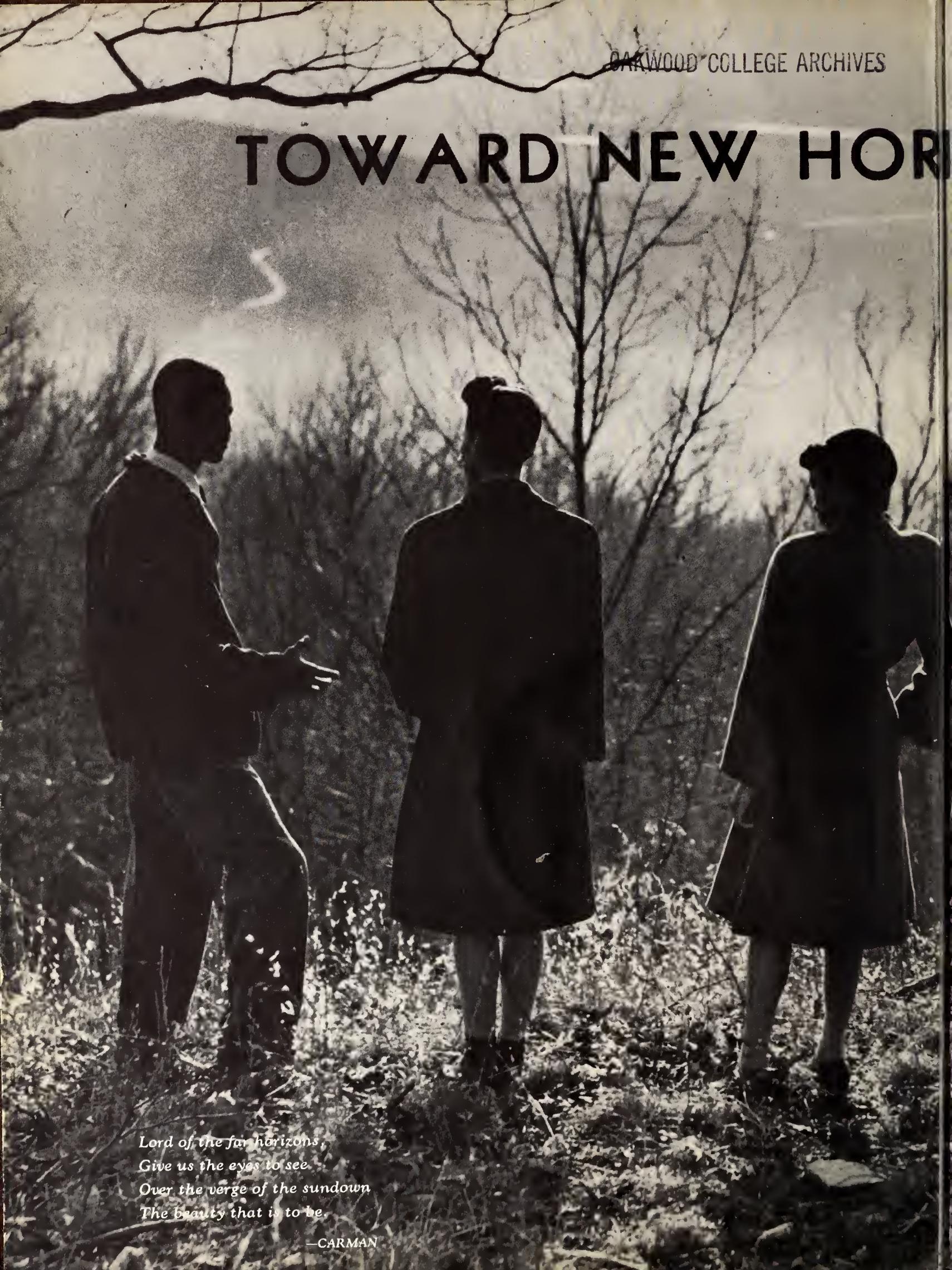


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# TOWARD NEW HORIZONS



Lord of the far horizons,  
Give us the eyes to see  
Over the verge of the sundown  
The beauty that is to be.

—CARMAN

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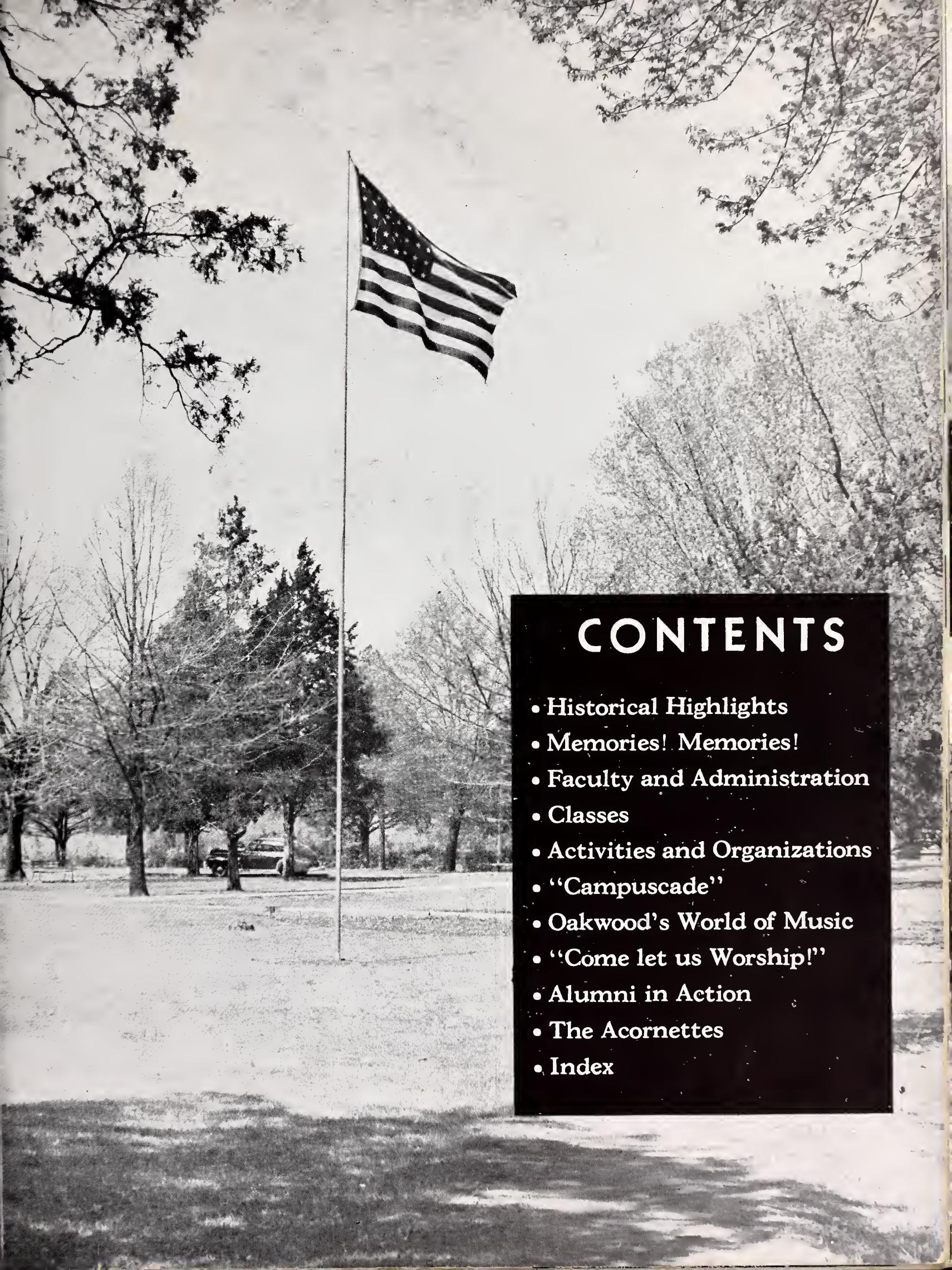
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*Here we come to learn  
and leave to serve.*



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## The Close of Day

“To meet and then to part”, and that is all,  
To slowly turn an album’s crusty leaves,  
To see the faces and the scenes recall,  
Are things that in a lifetime one achieves.

To wander down a broad-arch gallery,  
Viewing the scenes from life on either side,  
Pressed forward with the force of years to see,  
But part of every picture when espied.

The big sun in its blue dome keeps its course,  
Without a falter moves upon its way.  
So human life, returning to its source,  
Is overtaken by the close of day.

To dream, and being rudely waked from thought,  
Return to Peaceful dreaming dearly bought.

—WESLEY CURTWRIGHT



*I think that I shall never see,  
A poem as lovely as a tree.*

—KILMER



# "Where Loveliness Keeps House"

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



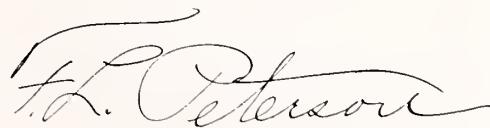
*In the language of Madison Cawein, a Southern poet, we may well say of our college, "Here is the place where loveliness keeps house."*

For another year Oakwood College has fortified you against the baleful influences, evil agencies, and moral corruption that seem to be capturing the world. You have been taught that true manhood and womanhood are of supreme importance. Faith in God and reverence for Him, loyalty to high ideals, devotion to a righteous cause, simplicity in living, kindness of heart, gentleness of manner, compassion for a dying world, and unselfishness in service are virtues that have been upheld.

The world in which you live has just emerged from a global war, for which America spent 300 billion dollars, lost 325,000 of the flower of her youth, and a million more are left crippled for life. There are social and economic problems to confront you that no other civilization has known.

With the passing of another school year comes to you the mighty challenge of a sorrowing world's needs—a world in which "men have become infatuated with vice, and every species of evil prevails." You are being sent forth to interpret the times and to bring to mankind the solution to the problems that perplex it.

As you minister to the ills of a bankrupt and degenerate world, you will discover that precept and exhortation alone cannot do the job. Christ taught as one having authority because he was what he taught. Project your service into every field of activity where there is a need. Be the servant of your race and lift it up spiritually, physically, mentally, and socially. As you work, may you be encouraged by the thought that you received your preparation for the task with which you are faced at Oakwood College where "loveliness keeps house."





## A Model Oakwoodite

*“Ask now the beasts, and they shall  
teach thee; and the fowls of the air,  
and they shall tell thee.”*

—JOB

Oscar the squirrel, with a lively twinkle in his eyes, nimbly frisks about while nibbling a nut. Oscar has personality plus. He is highly photogenic, too. He is just a wee bit camera-shy because of his natural modesty; but he is, by no means, bashful or backward. He always behaves as a perfect gentleman should. He is never loud or boisterous. He is neither an extroverted exhibitionist nor an introverted “timid soul.”

Oscar’s friends have adopted him, unofficially, as the school’s animal, because he has endeared himself to the entire school family. Then, too, we may ask, what creature is more closely associated with acorns and oaks than the squirrel? Oscar symbolizes the spirit of the “Oaks” by his industry, orderliness, regularity, neatness, efficiency, and foresight. He always minds his own business. He is never made to appear before the president on the “green carpet.” He is never involved in problems of discipline. He has character and forcefulness. Nothing is too hard for him; he specializes in cracking the hardest nuts. His loyalty to the school is fierce, and his love of the sacred grounds of our Alma Mater is boundless.

In many ways, Oscar is a model Oakwoodite. We could not be justly accused of using “slanguage”, if we make it clear that Oscar is just “nuts” about Oakwood, for so are we!



## Tribute to Oakwood's "Mother"



No single individual has been more closely associated with Oakwood in the days of its growing pains, or did more to rear it through the stage of short pants than Mrs. Eugenia Isabel Cunningham.

Endeared forever in the affection of a generation of Oakwoodites, Sister Cunningham is better known to hundreds as "Mother Cunningham".

As a tribute to her fidelity, to her shining example of integrity and Christian womanhood this volume is affectionately dedicated. Let us listen as she relates her inspiring story in her own words.

"I arrived at Oakwood School in the fall of 1912 with the intention of taking a two-year Bible Course and going out in the field to work for God. The spring 1946 finds me still at Oakwood with that dream unrealized, but I have memories of days of prayer and labor, and a vision of the possibilities of future development in this great institution.

"Before the end of my first year here, I was asked to assist the matron in the dining room. At the close of that year I was given charge of the Orphanage. In 1915, the responsibility of matron was placed on my shoulders. I held that job almost continuously until 1934, sandwiching the teaching of Bible and Domestic Science in between these years.

"During the years I have worked as preceptress, superintendent of the laundry, and commissary matron.

"Although I was not able to go directly into the field, I look with pleasure on my association with teachers and students through the years; and I thank God for the small part He has given me in influencing and moulding the lives of many of our workers who are witnessing for God today."

*There is a destiny that makes us brothers;  
None goes his way alone:  
All that we send into the lives of others  
Comes back into our own.*

—MARKHAM

## FOREWORD

You are now leafing through the family album of the happiest family on earth—the “Oakwood Family”! You have, doubtless, awaited the appearance of the Golden Anniversary Edition of the ACORN. Its pages are now open before you. Designed to delineate the past, to motivate the present, and to illuminate the future, this volume is more comprehensive in scope than a mere “year book”. Many of our friends and classmates of yesteryear have often wished an illustrated history of Oakwood. Our workers have long felt the need of an historical outline of the rise and progress of the work of Seventh-day Adventists among Negroes, as such, but the job had never been tackled.

The Annual Staff undertook the gargantuan task of research and compilation of the facts needed to prepare a pictorial presentation of those who have been connected with Oakwood or the colored work as faculty members, students, alumni, and workers in the whole of North America. Undaunted by apparently insurmountable obstacles, unperturbed by the skeptical and faint-hearted who predicted failure, we forged ahead. We recall the following lines of Edgar Guest:

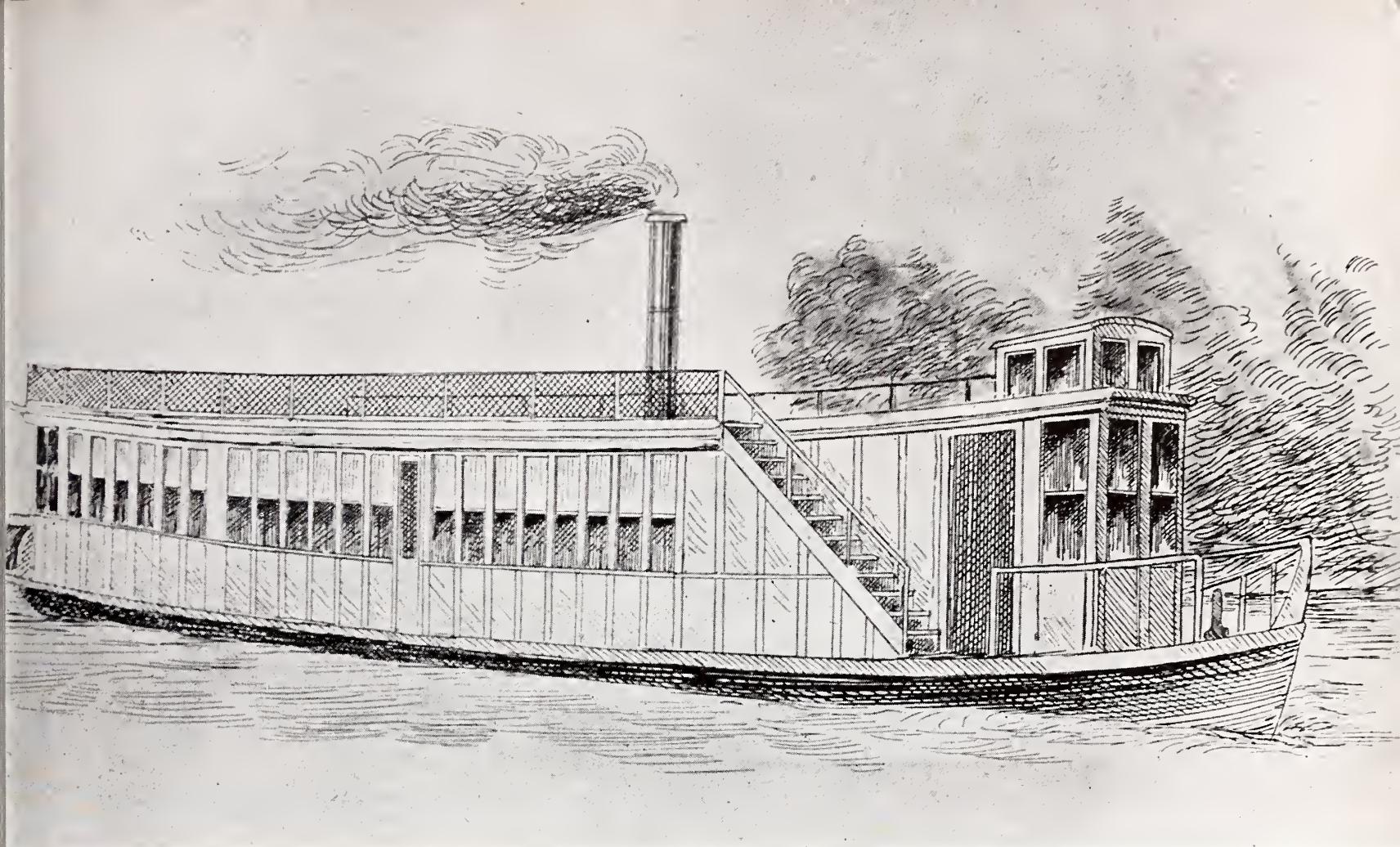
Somebody scoffed: “Oh, you’ll never do that;  
At least no one ever has done it.”  
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,  
And the first thing he knew he’d begun it.  
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,  
Without any doubting or quiddit,  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn’t be done, and he did it.

The task was not done by any one person. The 1946 Annual is a cooperative undertaking. We acknowledge our debt of gratitude to everyone who has helped in any way with suggestions or material support. We wish, especially, to thank the following to whom we wrote for first hand information, and photographic materials:

Elders L. A. Hansen, F. W. Halladay, C. J. Boyd, Mrs. Lotta Bell, Professor L. A. Jacobs, and others. Professor O. B. Edwards and the office of the Registrar supplied historical data. Mrs. Gladys Fletcher gave helpful suggestions on artistic makeup and design. Mrs. E. I. Cunningham, Mrs. Grace Williams, and Mr. Ezra Watts contributed photos and snap shots. Dr. E. B. Dykes, literary adviser, and Mr. L. E. Ford, business adviser were instrumental in assuring the literary quality and financial soundness of the project.

The guiding spirit, without whom there would never have been a Golden Anniversary Edition of the ACORN is none other than Elder F. L. Peterson, President and father of Oakwood’s family. His interest has been untiring, his motivation dynamic.

God grant that the Golden Anniversary Edition of our family album shall cheer and inspire you, in the words of our central theme, “toward new horizons of progress.”



In sublime measures, the ancient prophets sang of the First Advent of the Messiah, "there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel." In 1895 heralds of the golden dawn of Messiah's second advent pioneered into the vast mission fields of the Southland. They came on the little mission ship, shown above, that was aptly named the *Morning Star*. Oakwood's history arose with the rising of the *Morning Star*. The bright rays of that star shines with ever-increasing splendor from the campus of Oakwood. The actual star as it now stands is pictured at the left.



The captain of the missionary ship *Morning Star*, Elder J. E. White, son of Mrs. E. G. White, and his wife.

Throughout the civilized world, and into the darkness of heathendom, evangels of light went forth, spreading the glowing, hopeful message of a soon-returning Saviour.

The darkness of a millennium, which for over a hundred years had been gradually dispelling, was at the beginning of the nineteenth century, shocked into brilliance of noonday by the bright rays of the advent angel. Thousands of rapt listeners heeded the thrilling call and followed the gleam, but for another four million newly-freed slaves, the call was muffled and the gleam dimly discerned; however, they sensed the excitement which was driving their fair brothers into the ends of the earth, and their hearts beat with a strange, new rhythm.

Deep into the heart of the Southland, a tiny craft, named and destined to be the *Morning Star* of hope for the colored people of America, was piloted by a few self-sacrificing pioneers down the Mississippi to the town of Vicksburg, Mississippi. There a tiny mission station was established. Amidst the stormy protests of jealous neighbors, the mission took root; and though its location was later changed, God blessed the efforts of Elders James White, F. R. Rogers, O. A. Olsen, F. W. Halliday, L. A. Hansen, and others. Oakwood School is the direct outgrowth of this venture.

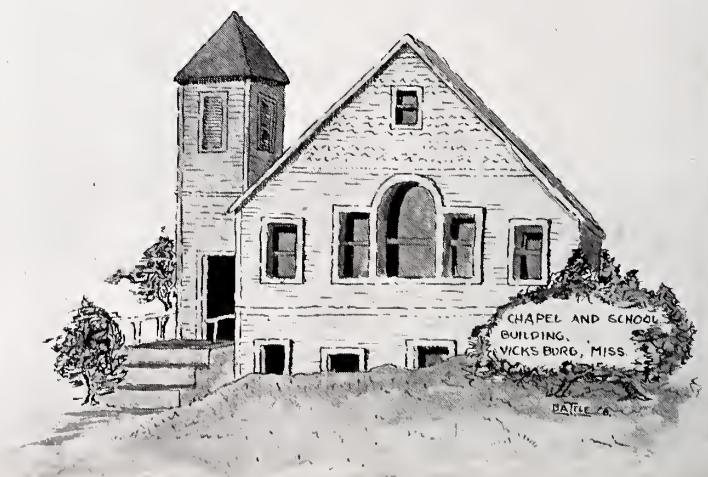
# THE RISE

In 1909, the Southern Missionary Society, published a pamphlet entitled, "Africa at Home". From this source we glean the following:

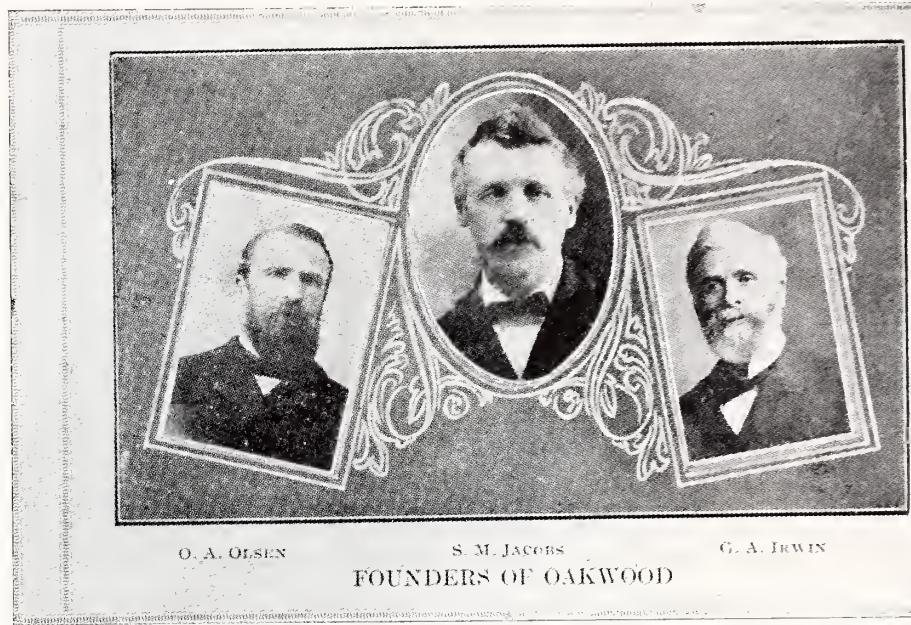
"In its early stages the steamboat *Morning Star* was an important factor in the work. It was built at Allegan, Michigan, during the spring and early summer of 1894. When completed and equipped, the steamer proceeded by easy stages along the connecting waterways to Vicksburg, Mississippi, which place was reached January 10, 1895.

"For years the *Morning Star* served as the headquarters for the work, as a chapel for religious services, as a schoolroom, and as a home for the workers as they labored in different places along the Mississippi and Yazoo Rivers.

"As new workers came into the field, the interest in Vicksburg was left with them, and the *Morning Star* moved up to Yazoo City 110 miles from Vicksburg. The same general plan of work was here followed, and soon a lot was purchased and a movable building was erected for school and church purposes.



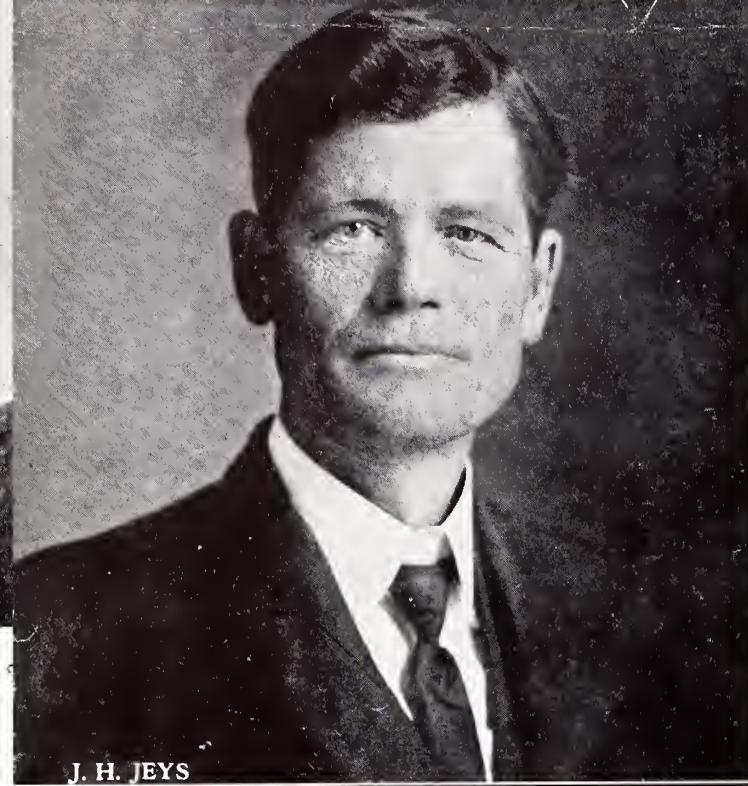
# OF THE MORNING STAR



"An effective work has also been undertaken in other places. At Columbus, Mississippi, a lot was bought and a building erected. At Natchez, Mississippi, has been placed a duplicate of the building at Yazoo City. At Nashville, Tennessee, Jackson, Mississippi, are buildings practically alike, except that at Nashville a schoolroom, separate from the church, has been provided in the basement. At Greenville, Mississippi, a school building has been erected with rooms attached for the teacher. At Atlanta, Georgia, a commodious church building has been purchased to which has been added a school building and a small sanitarium."

Thus began the work of Seventh-day Adventists among what is now almost fifteen million people of Afro-American descent. The history of the beginning of the work and of Oakwood converges in the past and runs parallel at every point.





J. H. JEYS



F. W. HALLADAY AND WIFE



ANNA KNIGHT



C. J. BOYD

# PIONEERS.

## Historical Highlights

### MILEPOSTS IN OAKWOOD'S FORWARD MARCH

1. S. M. JACOBS . . . . . 1896-1897
2. S. H. SHAW . . . . . 1897-1899
3. B. E. NICOLA . . . . . 1899-1904
4. F. R. ROGERS . . . . . 1904-1905
5. G. H. BABER . . . . . 1905-1906
6. W. J. BLAKE . . . . . 1906-1911
7. C. J. BOYD . . . . . 1911-1917
8. J. I. BEARDSLEY . . . . . 1917-1923
9. J. A. TUCKER . . . . . 1923-1932
10. J. L. MORAN . . . . . 1932-1945
11. F. L. PETERSON . . . . . 1945

J. I. Beardsley was the first to receive the title of president, and J. L. Moran was the first Negro president.

1932 The ACORN is Established.

1933 Separate ordinances of Humility for whites and colored are discontinued.  
Separate chapel and church seats are discontinued.  
Separate dining room seats for white visitors are discontinued.  
The practice of having only white first elders is discontinued.

1937 The school bus is purchased.

1938 Pasteurizing unit for milk is put in.  
Beginning of the raising of funds through singing groups and girls selling the ACORN.

# MASTER BUILDERS

1939 School begins operating free of debt.  
The Mechanical Building is completed.  
A five-acre peach orchard and an acre and a half  
grape vineyard.  
Sheep introduced.

1940 Administration Building is completed and equipped.

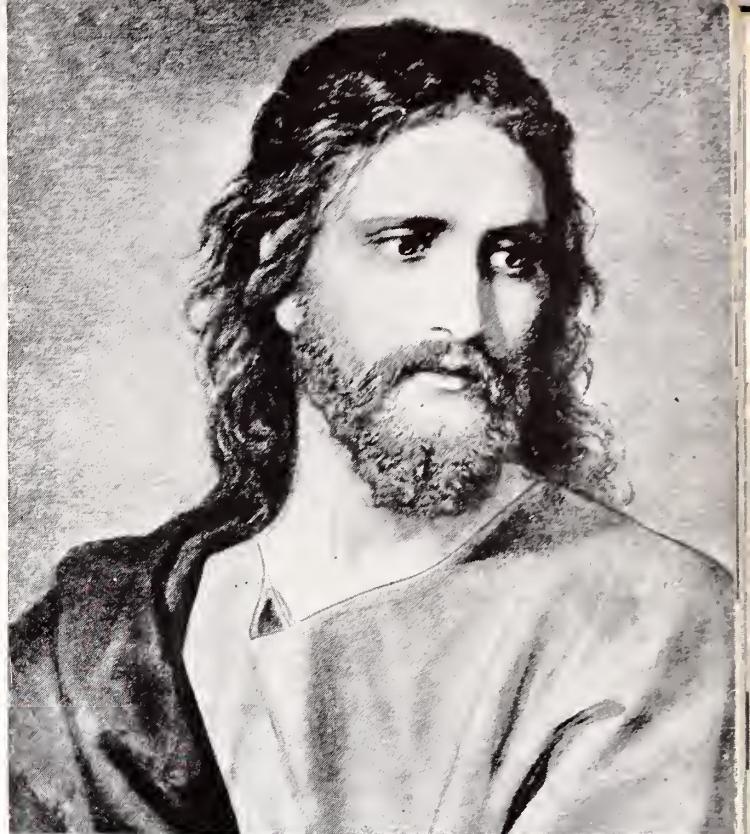
1941 Station wagon is purchased.

1943 Oakwood Board of Trustees and General Conference raise the school to the status of a Senior College.

1944 Sidewalks are extended.  
President's home is built.  
The student infirmary is remodeled and reopened.  
The Home Economics laboratory and demonstration  
rooms are remodeled.  
The Chemistry and Physics laboratories are built.  
The College obtained \$100,000 appropriation for a  
girl's dormitory.

In the process of these years the faculty and staff have  
been enlarged from 11 in 1932 to 31 in 1944-45.

There has been an expenditure during this time on  
buildings, equipment, and improvements amounting to  
approximately \$300,000.



Professor J. L. Morgan

*Mrs. E. G. White  
Elder F. R. Rogers and Family*





MRS. JENNIE B. ALLISON

Elder John Allison, pastor of the Ephesus S. D. A. church, Santa Monica, California, shown above (left) and his wife, both of whom are former Oakwoodites, look on smilingly as his mother (center), Mrs. Jennie B. Allison, is congratulated by public school officials of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Allison, who was born a slave, was given high honors upon her graduation from the eighth grade at Jefferson Evening High School in her eighty-first year (1936). She received wide publicity for her remarkable attainments. Commenting, she said, "Had this chance been given to me some eighty years ago, I would not be at the bottom looking up; but I would be at the top and stooping down to help others attain that which has been given me."

Mrs. Allison was a charter member of the first organized Seventh-day-Adventist church among Negroes in North America. This church was located at Edgefield Junction, Tennessee. Brother Lowe, a converted Baptist minister, pastored the Edgefield Junction church. The building cost \$300, and the first Sabbath School offering totaled twenty-five cents.

Mother Allison is now in her nineties. Among her children are Professor Herbert Allison, a high school principal at Clarksville, Tennessee; Mrs. Florence Brawley, a music teacher in the Los Angeles Public School System; and the late Elder T. H. Allison of Chicago, Illinois.



## The Days of Small Beginnings

"Who hath despised the days of small things?"

A prophet who laid strong foundations for God's work asked this pointed question. The question is pertinent to the beginnings of the Advent Movement among Negroes and, especially, to the founding and the remarkable development of Oakwood College. We have come a long way since the founding of the Oakwood Industrial School in 1896. With the coming of the *Morning Star*, the missionary, educational, and health phases of the Third Angel's message were launched simultaneously. Long before the Southern Union was organized and before the idea of Colored Conferences was ever conceived, the Southern Missionary Society pioneered in the field of evangelism and Christian education throughout the South.

In their own words, "The founders of the Southern Missionary Society started out with the idea that the best way to reach a people that needed uplifting was to go where they lived and elevate them in their homes. With this object in view a small band of workers went from Michigan to Mississippi and began work in an humble way

# DAY S O F

in 1895. For four years this company did a preparatory work without special organization. But as time passed the advancing interest of the work made it necessary to purchase land, erect school buildings, and organize upon a permanent basis. Consequently, the Southern Missionary Society was organized May, 1898, and legally incorporated in Mississippi, March 15, 1899."

The Southern Missionary Society established training centers over a widely scattered area. The society at one time conducted about fifty-five mission schools with an enrollment of eighteen hundred students. A notable example of these schools was the Hillcrest Manual Training School, which was founded by Professors Staines and Bralliar in 1907. Many of our early workers and lay members will recall this school. Professor F. R. Rogers, a faithful pioneer, served as Supervisor of Missions. Considerable progress was made under his leadership. In spite of fierce opposition and the defeatism of the fainthearted, sound advances and steady growth characterized the work in all lines of missionary endeavor.

Out of the Southern Missionary Society developed the organization which was known as the Southern Union Mission. The next point of divergence came when the work of Negro Seventh-day Adventists became fully integrated into the General Conference as the North American Negro Department in 1909.

The Oakwood Training School gradually assumed a leading role in our educational work. "At a regular bi-annual session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists held in Battle Creek, Michigan, in the autumn of 1895, it was unanimously decided that an industrial school should be established in the South for the training of Negro Seventh-day Adventist youth. The committee to select suitable property was G. A. Irwin, O. A. Olsen, and H. Lindsay. They were authorized to purchase property not exceeding \$8,000. They found a site at Huntsville, Alabama, and paid \$6,700 cash for 380 acres. Professor Solon M. Jacobs of Fonatelle, Iowa, was invited to serve as Principal of the Oakwood Industrial School. The first teachers were Elder H. S. Shaw, Professor Jacobs, Arthur B. Hughes of Battle Creek College, and Miss Hattie Andre.

"The first twenty students came in from April 3 to November 16, 1896. They came without a single necessity. The original sixteen were Frank Brice, George Graham, Ella Grimes, Robert Hancock, Etta Littlejohn (the mother of Charles Bradford—a college junior of 1946), Mary



# SMALL BEGINNINGS

Elder G. E. Peters, Secretary Colored Department of the General Conference (Center)

McBee, Nannie McNeal, Charles Morford, Mary Morford, Thomas Murphy, Lela Peck, Daisy Pollard, Grant Royston, Samuel J. Thomas, Frances Worthington, Harry Pollard.

In 1896, there were four buildings on the campus, among which was Old Mansion. The property valuation was \$10,157.57. Courses of study were grammar school and special courses . . .

School continued in this way under Principals Jacobs 1896-97, Shaw 1898-99, and Nicola 1899-1904. In the year 1904, the Oakwood Industrial School became the Oakwood Manual Training School, and continued as such until 1917 when it became Oakwood Junior College. Under Principal Nicola and his assistants the school had now been well organized. He says, "During my first year emphasis was given to the Colporteur work and during the summer of 1900 nine engaged in it with good success.

"Summer institutes were held at Oakwood beginning in 1904, and for the next five years were under the direct supervision of the Southern Missionary Society which was still conducting Mission Schools. The superintendent of these schools and Oakwood faculty rendered commendable service in unifying the educational work."

Elder A. G. Daniells, President of the General Conference, wrote in 1904, after visiting Oakwood that it must be put on a higher plane with better facilities, or discontinued. (See *Review and Herald*, February 18, 1904.) This was stimulus enough, and beginning that year new faculty homes were erected. This was the beginning of notable improvement. Oaklawn, first home for the principal, was erected in 1906, as well as the Printshop, the home of the *Gospel Herald*, a monthly, and of other school literature. Oakwood did not develop without misfortune, for on October 11, 1906, fire destroyed Chapel Hall. Another building was destroyed the same year, but these heavy losses were replaced within two years. The cornerstone for the first cement block building was laid in 1907. This building which bears the name Study Hall was for the next thirty-three years the Administration Building. Classes were held in some of its rooms, and in its auditorium all chapel exercises and religious services were held.

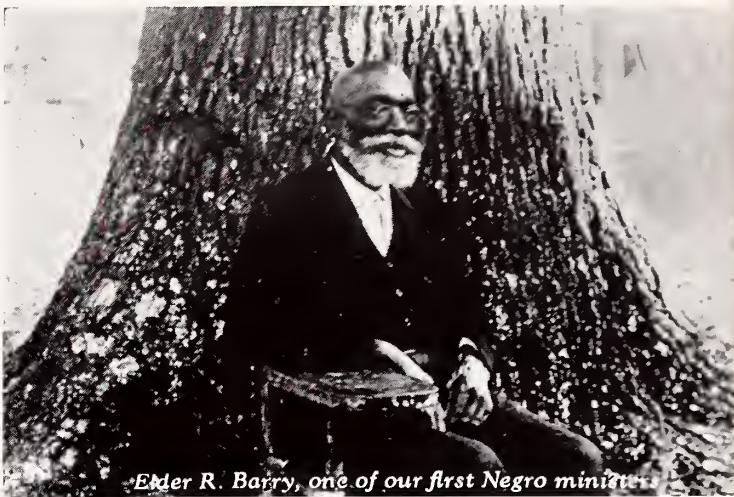
By 1908, Chapel Hall had been replaced by a three-story frame building, Butler Hall, which was used exclusively as a boys' home for nineteen years. In 1905, the physical plant was worth \$15,437—more than double the original price.

The officials resolved to maintain a sound health program; and when they presented plans to the General Conference, an appropriation was granted for a small two-story sanitarium building, which was completed in 1909. In the basement a complete physiotherapy system and a heating and sewer plant were installed. Full equipment for giving hot and cold sprays, salt glow shampoos, full bath fomentations, electric lights, high frequency treatments, diathermy, and radiant heat treatments were given.

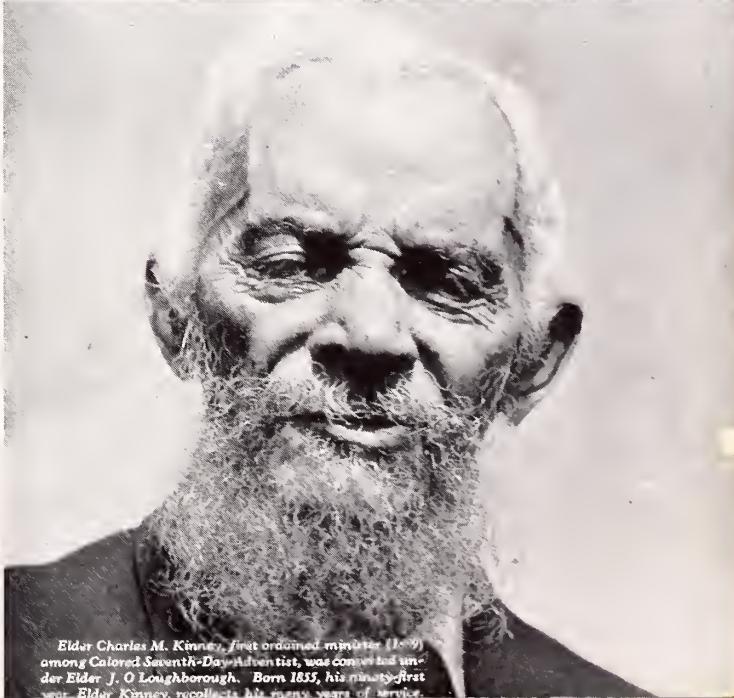
Doctors N. M. and Stella Martinson were called to superintend this work. They had been trained by the original teachers at Battle Creek, had worked in the treatment rooms and laboratories and practiced the art of healing for more than twenty years in the South.

The foresight of Principal Boyd was seen in his extensive building program, for during his year (1911) as principal he erected a dining hall.

The ever present lesson in the incident of the Good Samaritan is that man is ever surrounded by the neglected, and these also come from the hands of the Creator. Negro



Elder R. Barry, one of our first Negro ministers.



Elder Charles M. Kenney, first ordained minister (1859) among Colored Seventh-Day Adventists, was converted under Elder J. O. Loughborough. Born 1835, his ministry first year Elder Kenney, recalls his many years of service.



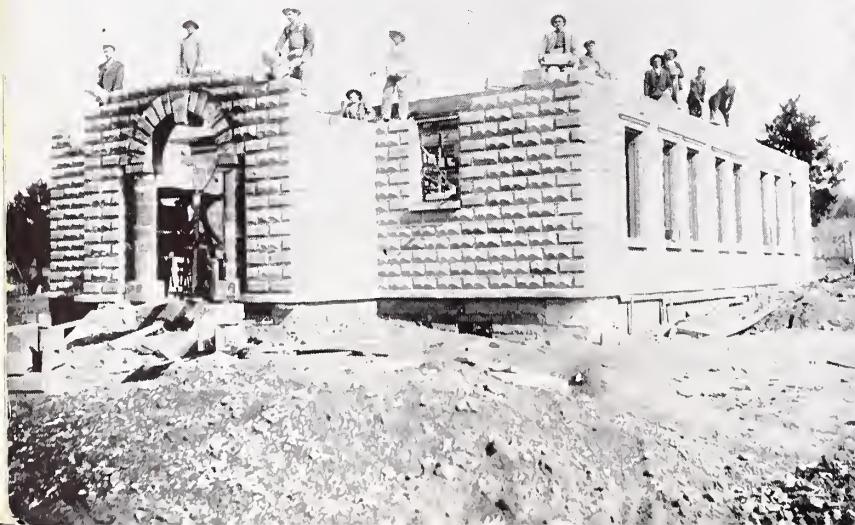
Old Mansion, the most historic building on Oakwood grounds, was built about the year 1815. Andrew Jackson who lived not far north (Hermitage) often visited Old Mansion, where they raced horses and sold slaves twice a year.

children, left without parents, came to the attention of Oakwood officials, and on the knoll west of the campus circle, a two-story orphanage was erected in 1912. The Pines, duplex apartment for teachers, was erected in 1912. In 1914, F. W. Clark, a contractor and Negro member of the faculty, directed the entire work and completed the structure which remained the young women's home for twelve years.

In 1915, a new laundry with concrete floors was erected. Augmenting Principal Boyd's program were a barn, silo, wagon house, and cannery, in addition to the saw mill, and tool shed. In the spring of 1913, more than five miles of woven wire fence constructed on cedar post enclosed many acres. And with Madison County aid, the school placed gravel on two miles of the road to Huntsville and graded it.

The North American Division Council held a session on the campus in April, 1917; at this meeting Oakwood was elevated from the Oakwood Manual Training School to the status of Oakwood Junior College. President J. I. Beardsley succeeded Principal Boyd in 1917 to 1918, and urged the board to give attention to the inadequate water supply. Twelve cisterns and a pump were installed. The

Like Nehemiah, they built the walls in trying times.



Old Mansion would particularly appeal to the rugged "typical son of the unadulterated frontier", who eventually became the seventh President of the United States.

potato house was erected that same year, 1918, and also the teachers' cottage, Shady Nook.

A rock crusher was purchased in 1925. During the first half of the next year the store and the Normal building were erected. The management during 1924 began selling old cows and purchasing young Jerseys. Many of the sixty which the school owned in 1938 were registered, and it was said Oakwood's dairy ranked second in the entire state of three hundred herds in richness of milk produced. Pasteurizer and cooling systems were installed.

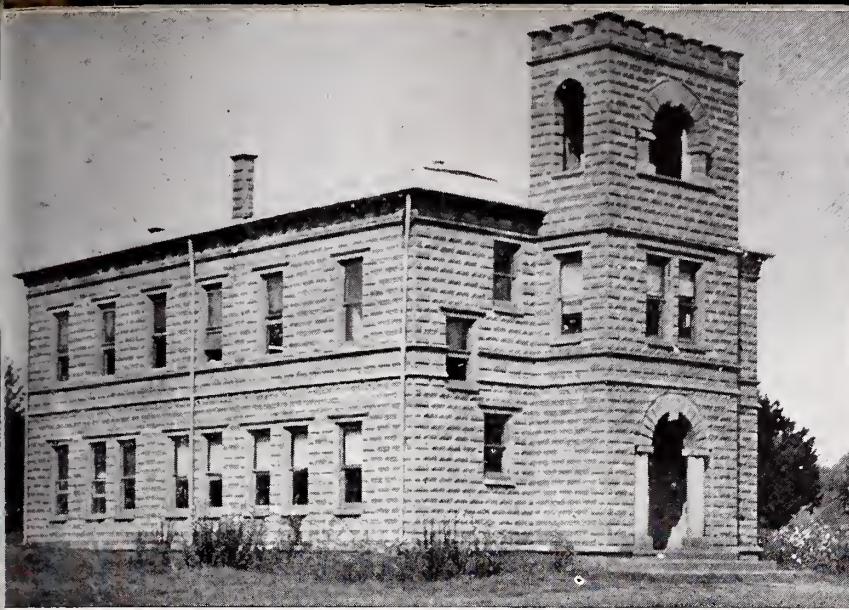
Fire destroyed the dining hall in 1926. The telegraphic message to the General Conference read: "Dining hall completely destroyed by fire. Loss \$14,000. Insurance \$3,500. Using old cannery for temporary dining hall." The General Conference voted an appropriation of \$15,000, and a \$32,000 building was erected to serve as dining hall, kitchen, and a girls' dormitory of 40 rooms. In honor of one of the pioneers, Elder G. A. Irwin, the building was named Irwin Hall.

In 1930, a circular reservoir with a capacity of 50,000 gallons was erected on the hill near the spring.

Professor J. I. Beardsley was the first Junior College principal. Professor F. L. Peterson was invited by the board

A baseball team of 1907, takes time out for the "Great American pastime".





Thus the walls were finished.



Student canvassers of 1915.

during this session to join the faculty. Four of the eleven faculty members were colored.

Professor J. A. Tucker came in the summer of 1923, and continued the policy of adding qualified Negro teachers to the faculty; and by 1929-30 eight of twenty faculty members were Negroes. Nine of fourteen faculty members in 1932 were Negroes.

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## Small Beginnings at Oakwood

The initial conception of Oakwood school would doubtless have found it difficult to visualize the magnitude of its present size and scope. Looking at it today, one would also find it hard to see it as it was at its beginning. Oakwood is a splendid example of the truth that it is not so much what we are at the beginning as what we are at the finish. That is not to say that Oakwood is at the finish; "no telling" what it may yet become and what it may do.

When the farm of 360 acres was purchased for its proposed use as a school for colored youth, little favor was shown in Huntsville and vicinity to its purposes or to its promotor. It took a few years to break down the prejudice which at first was quite strong. A change of feeling did come, and visitors came to study its teaching and farming methods. Business men of Huntsville became friendly.

The farm, purchased at a cost of \$6,480.00 or \$18.00 per acre, was considered a fair price. It was much in the condition of most of the South at that time, run down and neglected. The land was well worn out and given over to a heavy growth of underbrush. There was scarcely a rod of good fence. About its biggest boast was that Andrew Jackson had attended parties in its Old Mansion. The mansion itself was in none too good repair. Its foundation required early attention. That building had to be the main part of the school for some time.

In 1901, the sale of fruit and other produce paid all living expenses with \$400 to the good; in 1902, there was a tidy sum of \$700 gain. The farm was now one of the best in the section.

Chattanooga was a source of needed help when in 1896, the sum of \$1,000 was loaned the school by Mrs. A. S. Steele, who was conducting an orphanage for the colored in that city. I well remember her earnest and vigorous pleas in behalf of the work in the South when she had opportunity to talk to gatherings in the North. She helped to inspire interest and courage in the Southern work.

It took close financial budgeting to get through school with not a dollar to begin with, as was the case with most students. At first, students were permitted to work their

way through entirely by their labor of five hours a day. But this could not be kept up if the school was to keep up. In fact, finance was becoming a serious problem to the school itself as its enrollment grew. There was no little feeling with some that the school should be closed and the farm sold.

In February of 1902, the Southern Union Conference Session gave study to the schools needs. It was voted to try to make it more nearly self-supporting and to require tuition in whole or part. Action was taken looking to appealing to friends throughout the world for donations to a tuition fund. It was also voted to raise \$500 for a cottage for the principal, \$250 for an orchard and the preservation of fruit and \$1,000 for material for a girls' dormitory.

The need for this last item became a very pressing one when in some cases as many as 16 girls were crowded into one room. But this was only one of the urgent needs. A furnace for the school room was badly needed. There was not a bathroom on the place; and, for that matter, if there had been a bathroom, there was no water for a bath. The water supply had always been a problem. Stock had to be driven three miles to water. The farm was badly in need of implements. Among other needs were a milk house and a laundry. Fruit canning was done in an open shed, if we can say in, when speaking of a mere roof on supports.

When in January of 1904, the General Conference President, Elder A. G. Daniells, made his first visit to Oakwood, he found for himself a situation of considerable concern. The sentiment for closing the school was still strong enough to make trouble. It was difficult to get leading brethren to serve as members of the Board. A number of

Lumberjacks





Matress Makers of 1915



Cannery 1905



Elder F. W. Halladay and Napoleon Smith ride "Old Bill" a steam traction engine. Elder W. R. Williams and a son of Elder Barry is seen on the grader.

states legislatures had passed laws against education for the colored, and it was feared that similar action might close Oakwood. Elder Daniels made a report of his visit through the *Review and Herald*, and Elder G. I. Butler made strong appeals in behalf of the school through the paper.

In the following year there came a real turning point for the school, and a new program was inaugurated. A meeting of the executive committee of the Southern Union Conference was held at Oakwood itself and thus brought on to the grounds our responsible leaders of the work in the South. Mrs. E. G. White and her son, W. C. White, were also in attendance. Thorough inspection of the school farm and buildings was made by the company.

Two impressive talks were given by Mrs. White. She told how the Lord had shown her, years before, various features of the place, many of which she pointed out: buildings, fruit trees, and the general appearance. She spoke in the highest terms of the school and its prospects and the possibilities of the soil when properly worked, adding 'not one foot of this land should be sold.'

In visualizing the possible future of the school she said that instead of fifty students in attendance there should be a hundred. W. C. White estimated a possible attendance of 150 to 250 under proper management.

At this time some six or eight small schools had developed in the South, particularly in Mississippi. Considerable feeling had been created as to the relative importance of these schools and the one at Huntsville, affecting quite a bit the attendance at the latter. With the question of how to secure closer cooperation of all, F. R. Rogers, who was in charge of the schools in Mississippi, was elected superintendent of Oakwood.

A Summer School held in July of 1905 gave a bit more impetus to Oakwood's progress. The enrollment of Oakwood proper was now seventy students, including five from Panama. Thirteen converts among the students could be counted that year, leaving only four or five not taking their stand.

With the erection of Study Hall, serving also as boys' dormitory, the new day for Oakwood seemed indeed materializing. Then on October 10, came one of Oakwood's most poignant sorrows, the burning of this, its main building. In a very little time the fire destroyed it all,—the new bathrooms, broommaking machinery, carpenter shop and tools, carpet loom, forty tons of coal, everything except one chair and one typewriter. One boy, Will Willingham, against the earnest appeals of others, went back into the burning building for some of his belongings and was lost. Another boy, John Green, had a very narrow escape by carefully working his way along the eave roof to another room.

Well do I remember the sad morning four days later when our Southern Union Conference Committee viewed the ruins. And I have not forgotten the all-night session of our committee in the old mansion as we worked out a rebuilding program and the further development of the school. Elder Butler, our Union president, was a hard man when it came to committee work; he could persevere to the very end. That all-night session had to go through. Daylight came with a brighter outlook for Oakwood.

Instead of one building we voted for five, one for school use only, including chapel, recitation rooms and offices; a boys' dormitory; a one-story building for bath and treatment rooms; a workshop and a kitchen-dining room building. These were to be scattered some distances apart for protection against fire-spread.

Further assured support for the school was given at the Union Conference Session in January of 1906, when a number of individuals pledged sufficient amounts to support each student for a year. That meant a very definite interest in the work at Oakwood, and when the school reported, near the close of the year, twenty two students baptized that interest seemed well warranted. Only three students



Dairy Barn



Part of dairy herd 1909

were reported as unconverted. Oakwood was fulfilling its mission of preparing workers.

The school management was ever alert for suitable industries. A greenhouse was built under the direction of W. H. Williams. This was the beginning of what grew into a fairsized business of handling bulbs, plants, and nursery stock. On one occasion a whole carload of caladium and tuberose bulbs was shipped to the Hastings Seed Company of Atlanta. The Chase Nursery of Huntsville took much of the shrubbery and plant stock. As much as forty-two acres was given at one time to growing bulbs and stock.

Shoe cobbling was put in as a very practical line, serving to keep students' shoes in economical repair. A mechanical department taught the use and care of tools. These various industries came into good play in the year of 1906, when the drought was so severe that the ground could not be worked.

From a small beginning of two or three students, not used to doing much work for a living, trying to pay their way through a few hours of indifferent labor, Oakwood, in 1906, had grown to a well conducted industrial school. Produce was still being sold to about \$500 worth. More garden produce and less cotton was now the order. Twelve acres of peanuts were planted. Fruit growing was done scientifically. Agriculture and horticulture were of recognized value as school activities.

Besides the farm and garden interests, there were other industrial features, such as blacksmithing, carpentry, poultry

raising, carpet weaving, cooking, plain sewing lessons to good advantage. Bee culture and the sale of honey was included. Considerable fruit was put up for school use; for example, 1600 cans in the season of 1906.

The appearance of Oakwood was constantly improving, with the buildings going up and shrubbery planted and landscaping going on. In the earliest days of my visits to the place I have more than once walked out from Huntsville and learned the turns of the road pretty well. The grounds, with its then fourteen fine large oaks, from which Oakwood got its name, always loomed in welcome sight as I neared the end of the tiresome walk carrying my suitcase. In later years the approach by automobile was no less welcome as one could note something new being added.

The name of Anna Knight should be mentioned as that of a sound, sensible, and sincere supporter of the school and its interests. Besides her earnest and hard work in pioneering a school by herself, under most difficult conditions, she gave herself unsparingly to Oakwood's progress. As a member of the Board for many years, she by her counsel and influence has contributed much toward the school's welfare.

Confining this sketchy account to the smaller beginnings of Oakwood, we must leave the bigger things for others to tell. Probably no one person can cover them all. I dare say no one can come anywhere near telling what Oakwood may yet accomplish.

Louis A. Hansen  
Takoma Park, Maryland, March, 1946

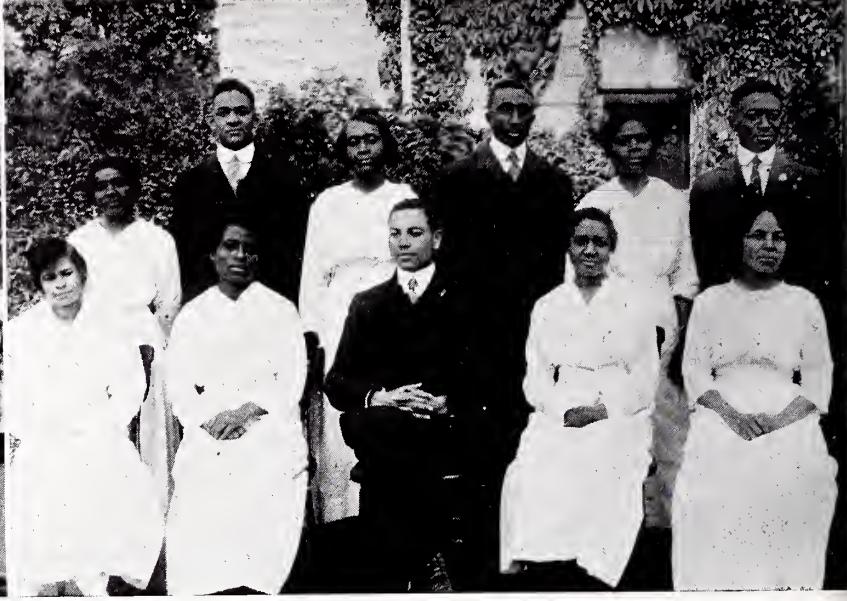
Riding the plant setter 1908



# PIONEERS



F. W. Halladay's astronomy class 1917



Graduating class of 1917

## Early Experiences at Oakwood

They called them the "gay old nineties". Nevertheless, the last decade of the last century was freighted with many movements of far reaching and serious purposes. Not least among them was the construction of the little missionary steamer, *Morning Star*. The servant of the Lord, Mrs. E. G. White, had borne a deep burden for the colored people of the South since emancipation days. But how to reach them through the almost forbidding situations of those years was the problem. This same burden was picked up by Mrs. White's son, Elder J. E. White, who conceived the idea of using a little steamboat with a chapel on its deck from which to preach the gospel of the Three Angels' Messages. To this day, we think of it as a very unique and practical plan; for we had no colored ministers of those years, and for a white minister to find meeting places for colored people in a strange and hostile land was almost unthinkable.

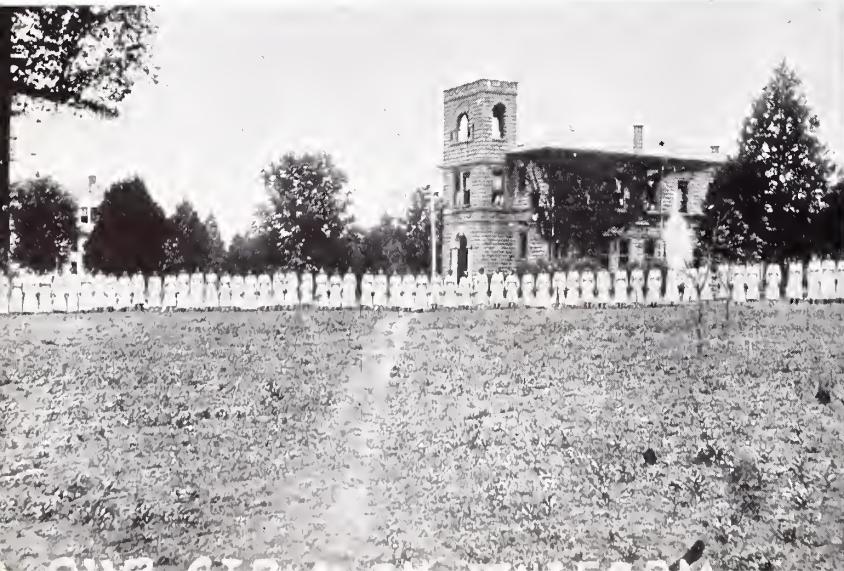
Elder White, with the help of friends, built his boat at Allegan, Michigan, floated it down the river to Lake Michigan, had it towed across to Chicago, took it through the Chicago drainage canal and down the Illinois River to the Mississippi. As it stopped at Ottawa, Illinois, a

young man became interested, joined the crew, and soon became its engineer. This young man was F. W. Halladay.

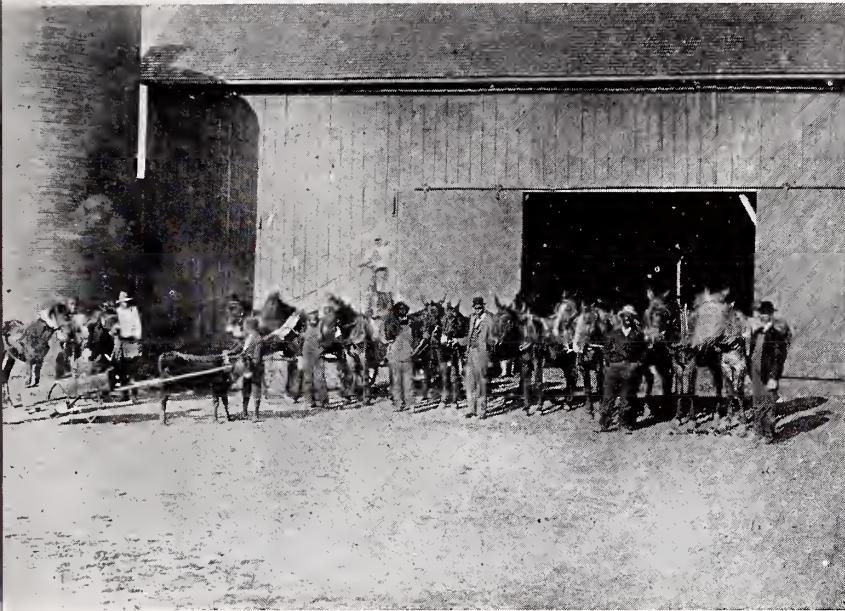
For several years this floating movable chapel tied up at villages, large plantations, and towns along the lower Mississippi and its tributaries. Its work met with furious opposition in places, and members of its crew could repeat some very stirring experiences passed through by these white messengers to the "Children of the Night," but nevertheless churches sprang up and little schools were established. The chains of ignorance and superstition began to give way and school books and Bibles were carried into backward regions, "The Entrance of Thy Word Giveth Light."

At one time we operated about thirty little mission schools taught by colored teachers who had qualified in a way for the work of teaching. But for more efficient work, a training school had to be established. And so, we now turn to another event in the last decade of the other century. Two men, Elder O. A. Olsen, President of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and G. A. Irwin, soon to be president of the General Conference, set about

*Departing for the canvassing field*



# S P E A K



Ready for work 1909

on a mission of seeking a location of such a school. After examining numerous prospective sites in the South, they finally purchased a plantation of 358 acres about five miles northwest of Huntsville, Alabama. It was now 1895. A good valley, healthful climate, central location, good railroads, and a liberal minded people were the inducements for this location.

S. M. Jacobs was the central personality about whom the happenings of those early years clustered. He was a thorough hardworking, likable manager, farmer, and school teacher. He proceeded cautiously and conscientiously to make friends for the school among both white and colored. Being industrious, he gathered about him a group of earnest, industrious students. They produced good crops on the land.

It was not until March 28, 1907, that I came to Oakwood with my wife and two-year old boy.

We had previously come South in July, 1904. At the time the property was purchased for the Madison School by Professors Sutherland and Magan. The *Morning Star* was moored into the Cumberland River at Nashville. It was our privilege, with other workers, to have a ride on this boat around the bend in the river from Nashville to the

Orphanage



Faculty of 1917, Professor Beardsley visiting

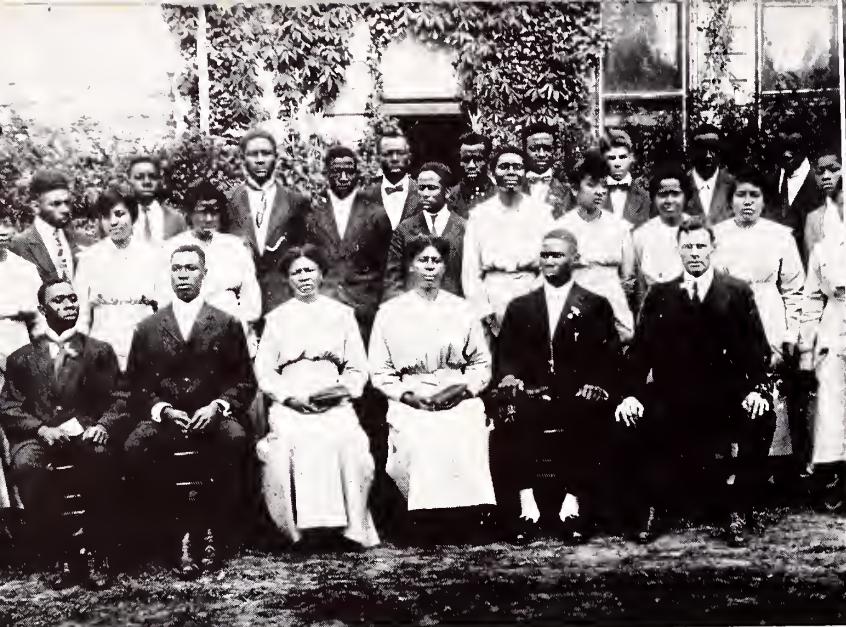
newly purchased land for the Madison School. This was the last trip the boat ever made. It was soon dismantled. We later moved its boiler to Oakwood to use at the sawmill.

Oakwood was twelve years old when we arrived. We found about 70 students in attendance. W. H. Williams had become business manager. Brother Jacobs had been away four years. The farm hadn't been doing well, and the old chapel had burned. But the students were having some good, thorough class work with Professor W. J. Blake as principal. F. W. Halladay was now preceptor. Mrs. Boyd was matron. We united our efforts to build up a stronger work. The conference had Brother Jacobs come over from Graysville for a week to give us the benefit of his experience in handling the work. His timely counsel was much appreciated. Elder Irwin came frequently, spending from one to three weeks at a time.

We built a cannery at Oakwood to save and preserve things. We also built a sweet potato house, where were kept large quantities of potatoes. We made sorghum, produced plenty of peanuts, and had extensive gardens. We tried in every way to make the institution serve its own needs, as far as possible; however, we met with some failures. We had our "ups and downs" but usually more "ups" than "downs".



OUR OLD BARN



Professor Boyd's Old Testament History class 1917

In the summer of 1907, we built the cement block chapel. Those were the days of wagons and harness, wood stoves, oil lamps, lanterns, and wheel barrows—yes, wheel barrows.

We had a fine group of exceptional students. They worked hard and studied diligently. They took a deep interest in building up the school and extending its interests and influence. They were devoted to their teachers and loyal to the institution. We added to the school curriculum from time to time. It was but little more than an eighth grade school in 1907. By 1918, the first two students finished our Junior College course.

We conducted summer normal sessions for our church school teachers and colporteur institutes for our book workers near the close of each school year. We published *Gospel Herald*. We purchased the Ford land, the 618 acres immediately across the road from the campus. After months of negotiating I was a happy man when Elder W. T. Knox, Treasurer of the General Conference, placed a draft in my hand for \$24,500 with which to close the transaction.

We added some rare personages to our faculty. Among them I would mention Elder J. H. Jeys and later his son, George, both with fertile minds filled with original ideas; the diligent Mae Hollingsworth and Etta Reeder; the practical Dr. Martinson and his wife Stella; Cecil Corkham with a frail body but strong mind; and Isabel Cartright Cunningham, whose faithful devotion to the institution has been well known these many years.

Now I have written you about the days of small things. More than a quarter century of achievement has brought its greatness since I saw the place. May I plead with you, despite not the day of small things.

It was July 18, 1918, when the writer took his departure to blaze another slightly dim educational path into

Valiant corps of bookmen



Musical ensemble

Central America and the West Indies. But Oakwood is the pet project of my career. When I was a boy, a great statesman in closing an address to the Congress said, "My country, may she ever be in the right, but right or wrong, my country." May I indulge by partly using the same language: "My Oakwood, may she ever be in the right but right or wrong, my Oakwood." May the great God grant that the spirit of this same institutional patriotism may characterize the life and motive of every teacher and student that connects with that good work.

C. J. Boyd Vista, California, March, 1946

It was in the summer of 1920. Professor W. E. Howell was Secretary of Education in the General Conference; Elder J. L. McElhany, now of the General Conference, was President of the Southern Union, and Professor J. I. Beardsley, President of O. J. C. These three men endeavored to solicit my interest in transferring from the position of Educational Superintendent in the Michigan Conference, to the needy Southland, for the purpose of organizing and establishing the teacher-training work on a more substantial basis.

September of that year found me on the beautiful campus of Oakwood. The early impressions of the massive grand old oaks and the profusion of flowering shrubs never faded. More than once, to my sorrow, did I then learn, that what looked like solid turf, when stepped upon, let the individual down into the red clay almost to the top of high shoes, which were then the fashion.

The cotton fields, with the big, fluffy white bolls were fascinating to one not accustomed to such a scene. The shagbark hickory nuts were delicious. The towering cedars were proving a boon to the school when turned into those gorgeous and expensive cedar chests.

Professor Corkim's class in Modern History 1917





Professor Buckner's class in Arithmetic 1917

Old Mansion, with its southern architecture and hand carving along the stairs has ever been a center of attraction and historical interest.

Some of the personnel of that time may be of interest: Professor F. L. Peterson, your worthy president, was then Dean of men and specialist in music and English; Elder W. L. Bird, at the head of Bible and the Library and Printing; Mrs. E. I. Cunningham, Dean of women and in charge of other activities; Uncle Jeff Stevens, at the mill, sawing logs into lumber, and in some secluded spot manufacturing the most delicious sorghum ever tasted, Mrs. Olmstead, the nurse, Mrs. Ethel Field-Allen, in the training school along with Mrs. Frances Baugh-Pearson (both single at the time), Mrs. Cox at the Orphanage; the W. L. Lewis family; K. F. Ambs; business manager; Professor Roy Jorgenson, in charge of the Science Department. I believe he introduced the first radio on the campus. He was liberal enough to allow those interested to put on the ear phones and listen in on this wonder apparatus.

There were no individual class room available, no office, very little in the way of equipment; but there were a sympathetic board, an interested faculty, and most necessary of all, an eager, live student group.

A small room on the first floor of the Administration Building was occupied by the primary children. The upper grades were allowed to assemble in the chapel for a long half day session, while the academy and college students were busily engaged in the school's industries, where they earned much of their expenses. Then they assembled for school work the other half day.

The two different normal courses were sponsored by the General Conference: an elementary normal course pursued during the last year of the academy course and the advanced normal, strictly on the junior college level.

*Plying the trade of the Apostle to the Gentiles*



Mrs. Boyd's sewing class 1917

Three young women applied for the elementary, namely, Blanche Palmer, Alice Frazier, and Willie Carpenter. In the advanced normal, two applicants, both employees with considerable college work to their credit, were checked to complete the advanced course. These were the Misses Julia F. Baugh and Jennie Stratton. All five of these young women later changed their names but not their interests in their chosen profession, and some are still active.

Classes in woodwork for upper grade boys in the training school were conducted by Elder Lewis, cooking, by Mrs. Lewis, and sewing by Miss Jennie Stratton (Dobbins).

The three union secretaries of the Southern fields, Professor John Thompson, Professor J. A. Tucker and Miss Anna Knight placed their influence one hundred per cent in the promulgation of teacher-training. They were in desperate need of trained teachers.

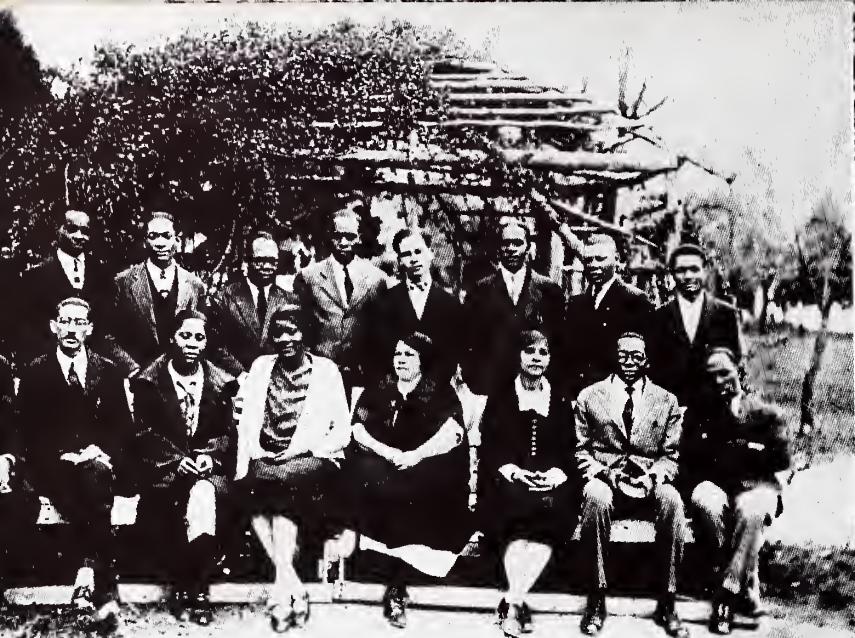
Sunday schools were organized or visited in near-by settlements. The musicals were well attended. Interchange of visits to the near-by state college cultivated a whole-some respect for each other.

One of the most unusual experiences came when a program was launched permitting some of the prospective teachers to get experience in real live situations by assisting in near by rural schools where they had already visited Sunday schools in some instances. Often these day schools enrolled from 60-70 children crowded into a church auditorium with no equipment save the church pews, a few books, and the teacher. In the rural school buildings there seldom were found seats to accommodate all who were entitled to attend. Nothing daunted, these extras brought chairs from home and established themselves in some vacant spot in the room.

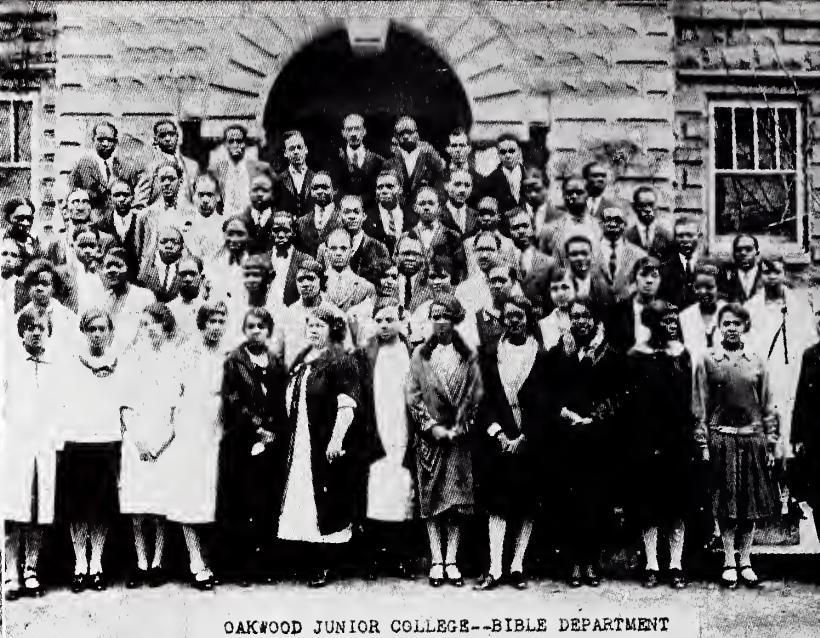
One day, as I recall, Professor Butler, the county superintendent of education called our president on the

*Sewing class of 1914*





OAKWOOD JUNIOR COLLEGE--MINISTERIAL AND BIBLE WORKERS



OAKWOOD JUNIOR COLLEGE--BIBLE DEPARTMENT

phone saying he was desperate over an emergency that had arisen and needed a teacher badly. Because all these schools had but short terms, perhaps three months would be only a few weeks left to complete the year. After some counselling it was decided that the best available teacher we could spare would be recommended even though it might bring some inconvenience to the home program. The year's work was completed meritoriously.

It was this experience that caused the college to operate a coaching class for volunteers who wanted to receive state certification by examinations. Such students could go to these community schools and receive a salary while gaining an experience under the supervision of the normal department. With this certified teacher, could be placed one or two others without certification. In this way standards of teaching, longer school terms, and good feelings were promoted in the vicinity of the college.

Eventually a building to house the normal work was recognized as an urgent need and plans were made for solicitations. Elder O. R. Staines was especially helpful in his suggestions during this campaign. By dint of strenuous labor and "sweat of the brow" the money was at length in hand, and the building program proceeded.

These are only a few of the highlights of the pioneer experiences in teacher-training during the years 1920-1926. The summer schools brought scores of teachers for more training and carried the spirit of better methods back into the field.

Some of the early laborers are still holding key positions in elementary education. Only the "Book of Records" will reveal an adequate and accurate account of achievements

won, and the results which may easily be beyond our comprehension.

"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." LOTTA E. BELL

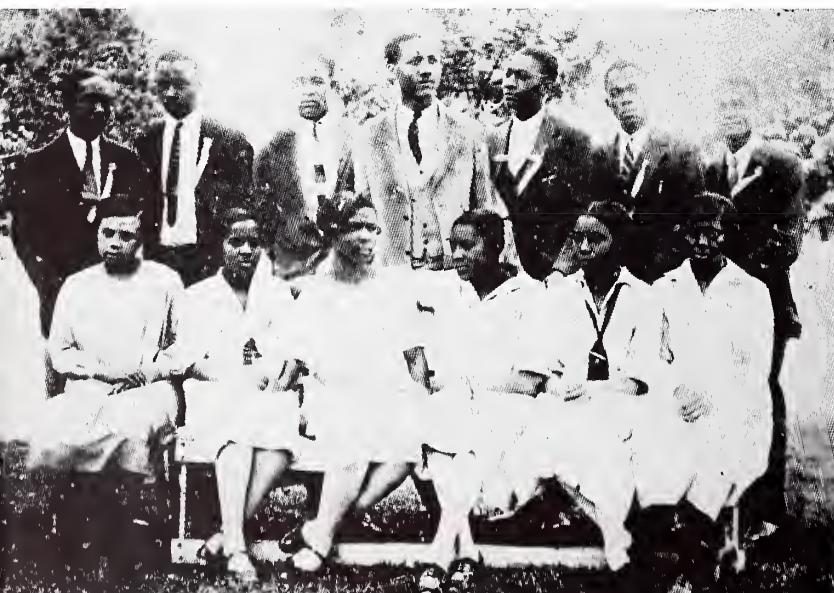
BEGINNINGS AT OAKWOOD—Elder O. A. Olsen's Interest in the School As Remembered by his Son, Prof. M. E. Olsen.

"Looking at Oakwood as it is to-day with its greatly enlarged boundaries and numerous buildings, one finds it hard to realize how the farm looked when first bought by Seventh-day Adventists in the early winter of 1894.

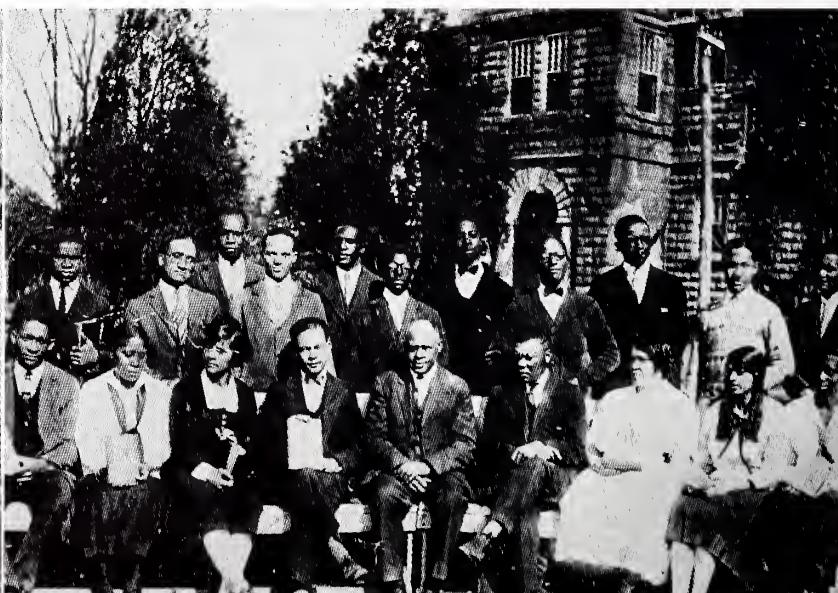
"I had the privilege of accompanying my father, Elder O. A. Olsen, and Elder G. A. Irwin when they went to Huntsville to look over land in that vicinity and make a final decision. While the negotiations were under way, we stayed at a hotel. As soon as the matter was settled, and we knew that the property was ours, we picked up a few necessary articles of furniture, chiefly beds and mattresses, loaded them on a wagon and started for the farm.

"It was dusk when we drove up in front of the old manor house and unloaded. There had been a cold, drizzling rain all the afternoon, and we were pretty well chilled after the slow ride. Hastily stopping up some of the larger holes in the windows, for the house was somewhat out of repair, we built a roaring fire of logs in the big fire-place, and after a warm supper and a pleasant social time around the great fire-place, we were ready to try the new beds. The house in those days looked old and forsaken enough to be haunted; but our slumbers were undisturbed.

"The next morning after breakfast we walked over the farm inspecting every part of our new possession, including



OAKWOOD JUNIOR COLLEGE--CLASS OF '28



OAKWOOD JUNIOR COLLEGE--COLPORTER'S BAND



OAKWOOD JUNIOR COLLEGE--ACADEMIC AND COLLEGE STUDENTS



Band of music makers

the cultivated portions and timber. I remember the soil in the best fields was a chocolate brown, and the corn in some places stood well over our heads. Everything went to show that so far as the land was concerned we had acquired a piece of property that we might well be proud of.

"The two or three days spent in the vicinity of Huntsville were very pleasant ones for my father. He had just come from Battle Creek where burdens of all kinds weighed heavily on his shoulders. To get into the country and breathe the fresh air, and walk over the stubble and under the trees was a real treat to him.

"We were thinking, too, of how much it would mean to the young people who would become students at Oakwood, and how they would enjoy studying the word of God and the great events of human history, and working on the land in such beautiful natural surroundings. Both Elder Irwin and my father were in every way pleased with the place. They especially admired the magnificent oak trees on the grounds; it was while walking reverently under those towering giants that they decided to name the place "Oakwood" and thus perpetuate the memory of its most remarkable physical feature.

"It has not been my privilege to visit Oakwood since those early days when as a stenographer I accompanied my father on his travels, but I have had the pleasure of meeting several of its students, and I have heard much of the growth and prosperity of the institution. I certainly join very heartily with its president and faculty and fine body of students in wishing it continued success in that noblest of all achievements,—the ability to train earnest, consecrated workers for the great harvest field."

THE SPIRIT OF THE FOUNDERS—Elder G. A. Irwin's Interest in Oakwood as Remembered by His Son Prof. C. W. Irwin.

"Your letter of November 6 reached me this morning. I regret that I cannot give you very much information regarding my father's connection with the Oakwood School, but I shall give you a few facts, and it may be that you can obtain something that you can use.

"My father, Elder G. A. Irwin, first became acquainted with the Southern field during four years of service in the army at the time of the Civil War. Having been in the service nearly the whole period of the war, he had a good opportunity to see large sections of the South. During this time, he was eight months in Andersonville Prison and was engaged in seventeen battles and engagements. Strange as it may seem, this experience engendered in him a deep interest and sympathy for the South and its people.

"After having accepted present truth, and after having served as president of the Ohio Conference for a number of years, he was called to be the superintendent of the Southern District of the General Conference, which covered the territory of the Southern and Southeastern Unions. It was during this time that he formed his special interest in the colored work in the South, and he felt that the Third Angel's message was due the colored people as well as other races. Having always had an interest in educational matters, although he himself was deprived of advanced education because of his army experience, he early saw the necessity of establishing a school where colored workers might be prepared to carry the gospel to their own people, and it was in this way that he became associated with Elder O. A. Olsen and Brother Jacobs in search for a suitable location in which to establish a training school for the colored people.

"I myself entered the work in the South in 1898 as principal of the Southern Industrial School located at Graysville. This was very soon after Father had left the Southern field and had taken up the work of president of the General Conference. It was in this way that I became quite intimately acquainted with his ardent support of the school at Oakwood. I know that this institution was one which engaged his attention in a very special way and was always the object of his solicitude. The Oakwood School always occupied a tender spot in his heart as long as he lived."



OAKWOOD JUNIOR COLLEGE--THE BAND



OAKWOOD JUNIOR COLLEGE--HYDROTHERAPY CLASS

# A Letter From Oakwood's First Principal

S. M. JACOBS

I was indeed glad to get the latest BULLETIN. Every letter was read with more than common interest. I will notice a few words from two or three letters. One student says, "The grounds of Oakwood are beautiful, everybody is happy."

Please contrast this with the old Irwin farm, now Oakwood, as I found it April 3, 1896, twenty-seven years and eight months ago. A team brought us, my family and Elder O. A. Olsen, out from town just at daylight. As we came on to the farm, Elder Olsen said, "Brother Jacobs, this is the north-east corner," solid brush to where the saw mill now stands. Going on to the large gate, we passed into what looked like the Florida jungles. These came to an end at the gate on the road where you now pass out. A large barn was just about to fall down; the old buggy house, which one day had been a nice one was now ready to fall. Brush grew more than a rod wide along the ditch from the north-west gate to the extreme east line. A row of osage orange, forty feet high, ran from the house east of where Brother Ambs now lives and then south to the ditch. Coming back to the garden, you would surely notice the gravestone, lying by an unfilled grave made in 1797, ninety-nine years before I went there in 1896. Do you see any beautiful grounds in this description? Anything to make one happy?

Another student says, "Real home," "and I voice the sentiments of forty-four young women, when I say that we have a real home at Oakwood, nearly every necessity that goes to make these spacious buildings seem like home." How different twenty-seven years ago! The first twenty students came in from April 3 to November 16, 1896, with not a single necessity. The Old Mansion had never been painted, inside or out, since the Civil War and there was not a well on the place. We had to strain all the water from the old cisterns to get rid of "wrigglers." Some students were compelled to sleep on the floor in some of the old cabins with nothing over them that you could call a roof.

What can I say more to help every one of you to lift your hearts to God in grateful praise for what has been done in the years that have passed?

The last time I was at Oakwood I stood on the porch at the Old Mansion and looked at the buildings around that circle and out over the farm and could not help exclaiming, "What hath God wrought for the Oakwood School?"

There are a few items about Oakwood that few know. This is a good place and time to mention them. The members of the committee of which Elder G. A. Irwin was one, told me they had looked at several "For Sale" farms north and west of the present site of the school and one nearer town. There was some objection to all of them. As the members passed by the east gate of the estate which later became Oakwood, one said, "Let's look at this place". It had no "For Sale" sign visible anywhere, but they went in through the gate. Elder Irwin said he was barely inside when the impression came very forcefully to him that this was the place they were looking for. He made known his impressions to the others, and they felt favorable to it also. Mind you, they had not seen a thing yet, but had just entered the gate. The more they looked, the better they liked it. They located the owner; and tho' it was not for sale at the time, they found out it could be bought. In due time, therefore the transaction was made.

There is a chapter about the "impression at the gate" that I wish to speak of here. Professor G. C. Tenney, who

for several years was principal of Graysville Academy before it became Southern Junior College, and who often came to Oakwood while he was a member of the school board, told me this: "I do not know why it should be so, but it is so; that a holy, quiet, subduing influence comes upon me the moment I enter Oakwood's ground."

While at Oakwood, I would often think about this: it is true we all have those quiet hours with God. But isn't it remarkable that Professor Tenney received this impression time after time, in the same way and in the same place? There is only one solution, if any is needed, and that is: a mighty angel stands there at the gate.

I think it was about 1920, when I said to the students, "I believe the angel is still there".

There were sixty-five of the big oak trees on what constitutes the campus; and this fact inspired the name "Oakwood". Some oaks were moved to make room for buildings, some blown down in storms, five at one time. Counting the rings on several, I discovered that some of the trees started to grow about the time George cut the cherry tree down. It must have been 1896, when Elder O. A. Olsen, then president of General Conference, persuaded S. M. Jacobs, an Iowa farmer, to come down to farm and manage the school. Elder Olsen, a member of the committee that located the school, led Mr. Jacobs around to some of the worst parts of the farm; the dirt was all of the same color, and stones were plentiful. Brother Jacobs liked this fact much, for on his farm in Iowa you could hardly find a stone large enough to throw at a bird, and the soil was black four feet deep. After a few moments he said, "You couldn't raise beans on that soil."

Well, the committee finally led him around till they got him over in the eastern part of the field southeast of the school grounds where the corn stalks were as large as a fork handle. Elder Olsen asked Brother Jacobs, "Where do you think those came from?"

Brother Jacobs in telling me about it said, "I saw I was cornered and had to say something; so I said, "They must have hauled them in here," though I knew they had grown on that red clay".

Those were really hard days for a growing school, for the General Conference had little money for a new enterprise and we were just entering the financial panic of '97.

The blackberry briars were so thick you couldn't drive or ride a horse from the "Old Mansion" north to the road. (That year while getting rid of the briars, the workers dried two or three barrels of the berries.)

The first bath-house was furnished with tubs made of sawed off barrels about a foot deep. Hot water was obtained from an open tank heated by a pipe coil in box stoves. Students who were there from 1901-1905 will remember them. I think it is easy to see the "Master hand" locating the school just where and when He did. First, was the farm, sufficiently large at the start. As things grew, the north farm was added affording ample building material for growing needs.

About 1910, we acquired an old traction steam engine which we literally dug out of the scrap. With it we worked miracles; it was really God's gift to us. Canning season at the cannery: scalding tomatoes, boiling sweet potatoes, canning everything under pressure if desired; harvest time, threshing wheat, shredding corn, or filling silos; winter time, labor hard at the saw mill, could I ever forget those days!

# REFLECTIONS

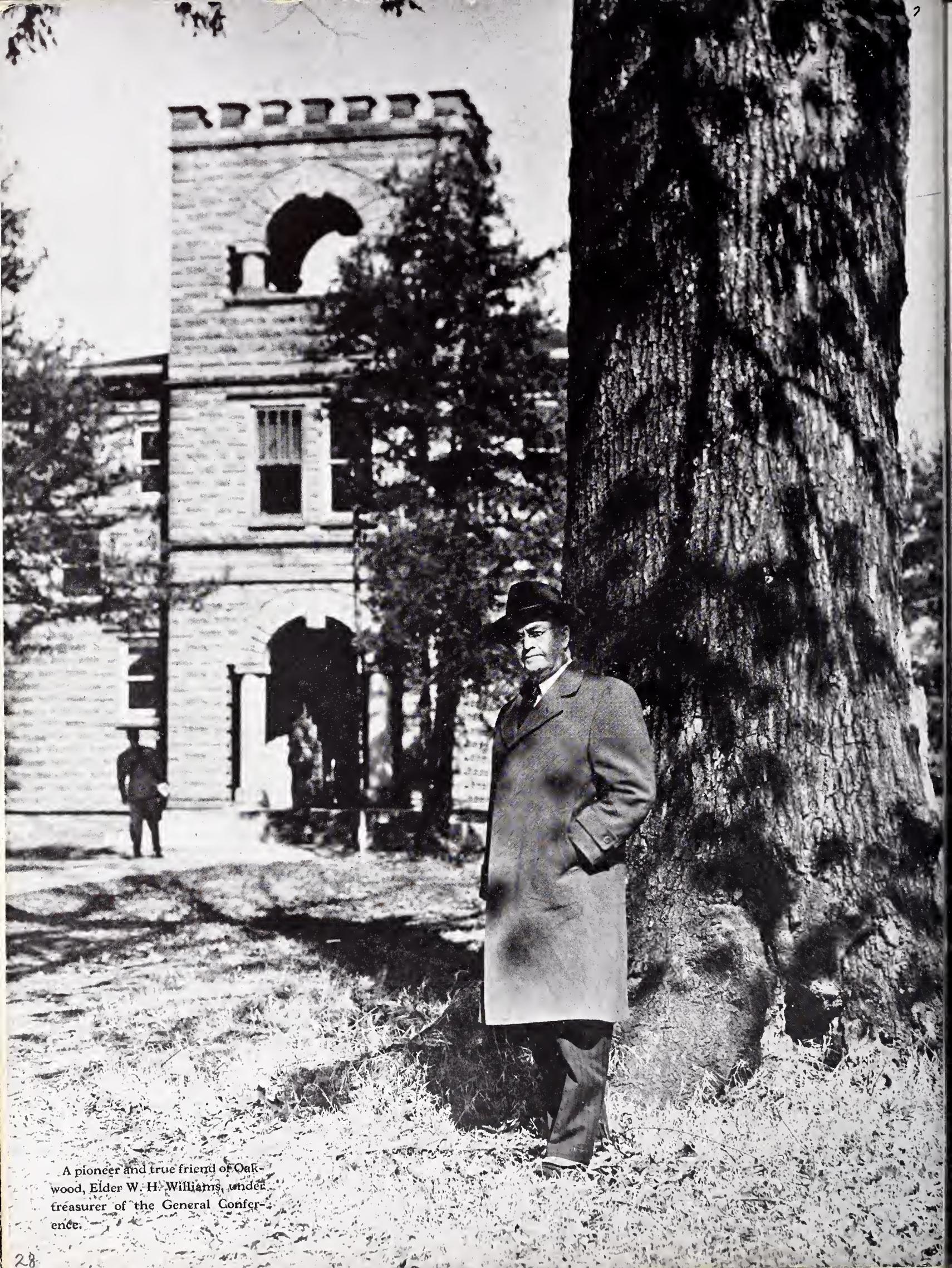


The President, First Lady and family, are pictured at home.

Professor N. E. Ashby's Spanish class and a summer school group share the center panels.

At the bottom, A. Walter Kimbrough (second row left), who is now in charge of the college garden, is shown with a group of young people from the orphanage. Mrs. Kimbrough (second row right) was also a member of the faculty when the orphanage was still in operation. Several of the young people in the picture now occupy places of trust and responsibility.





A pioneer and true friend of Oakwood, Elder W. H. Williams, under treasurer of the General Conference.

# MEMORIES!

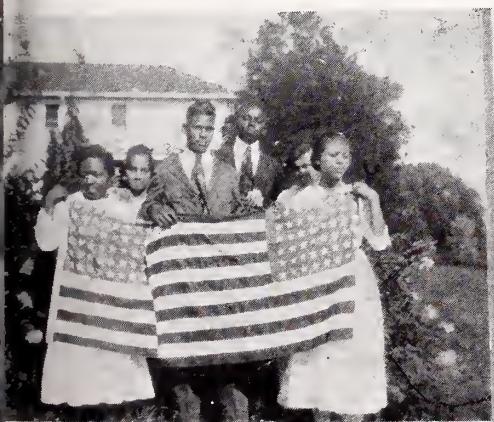
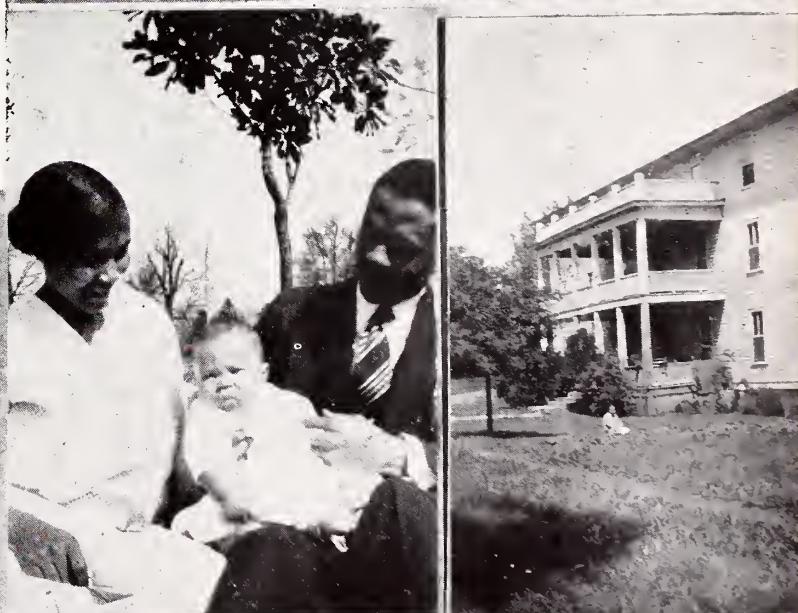
When day is done, we and our friends sit in the gloaming of eventide and talk of old times, while memories of days gone by arise like a vivid pageant out of the past.

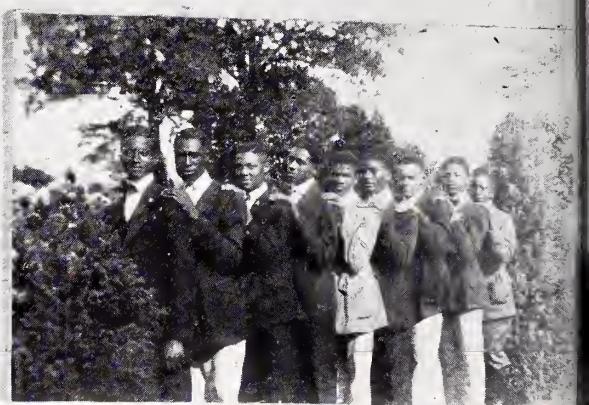
Yes, wherever two or three Oakwoodites are gathered together, like homing pigeons, their minds and hearts turn to Oakwood. We think of old classmates and friends, and with many a chuckle or smile, the "endearing young charms" of the "days of auld lang syne" are brought to mind.

We realize as never before that there is more to Oakwood than meets the eye! The real Oakwood lies in the realm of the transcendental. The casual visitor on the campus gazes about, and sees a group of modest buildings. He notes the pleasing landscape and the physical aspects of the campus, but he has not yet seen Oakwood.

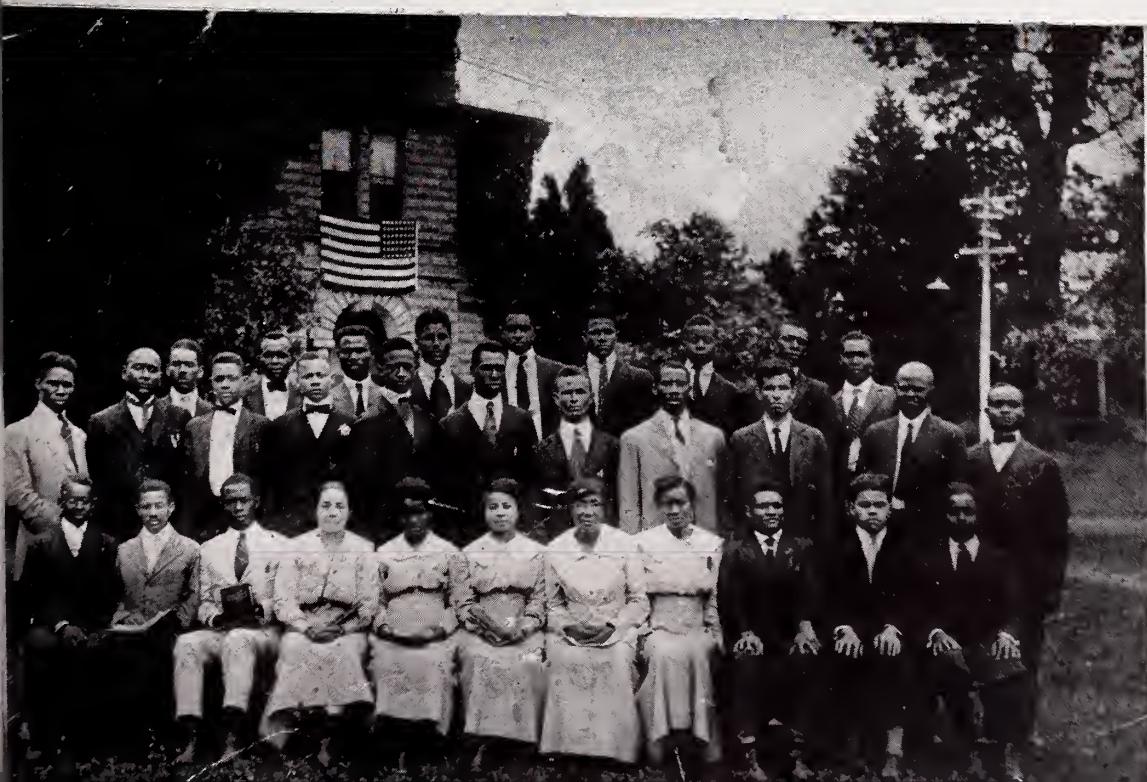
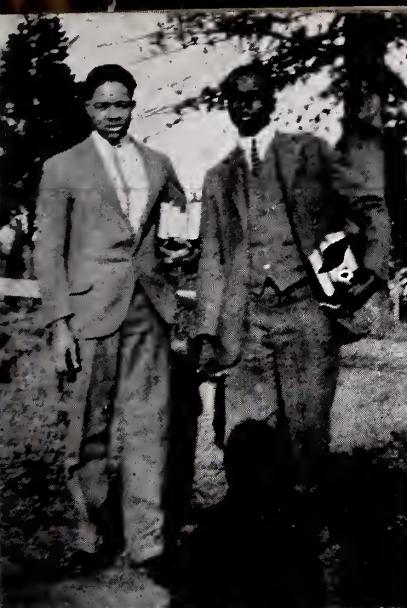
No one will ever see the real Oakwood until he catches the thrill of that intangible something that pervades her atmosphere. That airy something is the "sweetness and light" of old friends, cemented in an eternal fellowship. By sharing lofty ideals, hopes, and aspirations, by a constant interchange of ideas, we have grown into brotherhood. The pleasure and satisfaction that are derived from clean fun and the mutual enjoyment of campus life become, in after years, the nectar of recollection from which we distill our cherished memories.

As Oakwood celebrates her Golden Anniversary, she invites her sons and daughters to join her in family re-union. Here are a few pages from Oakwood's family album. As you turn the pages, you will see many familiar faces. How many of your friends do you recognize?

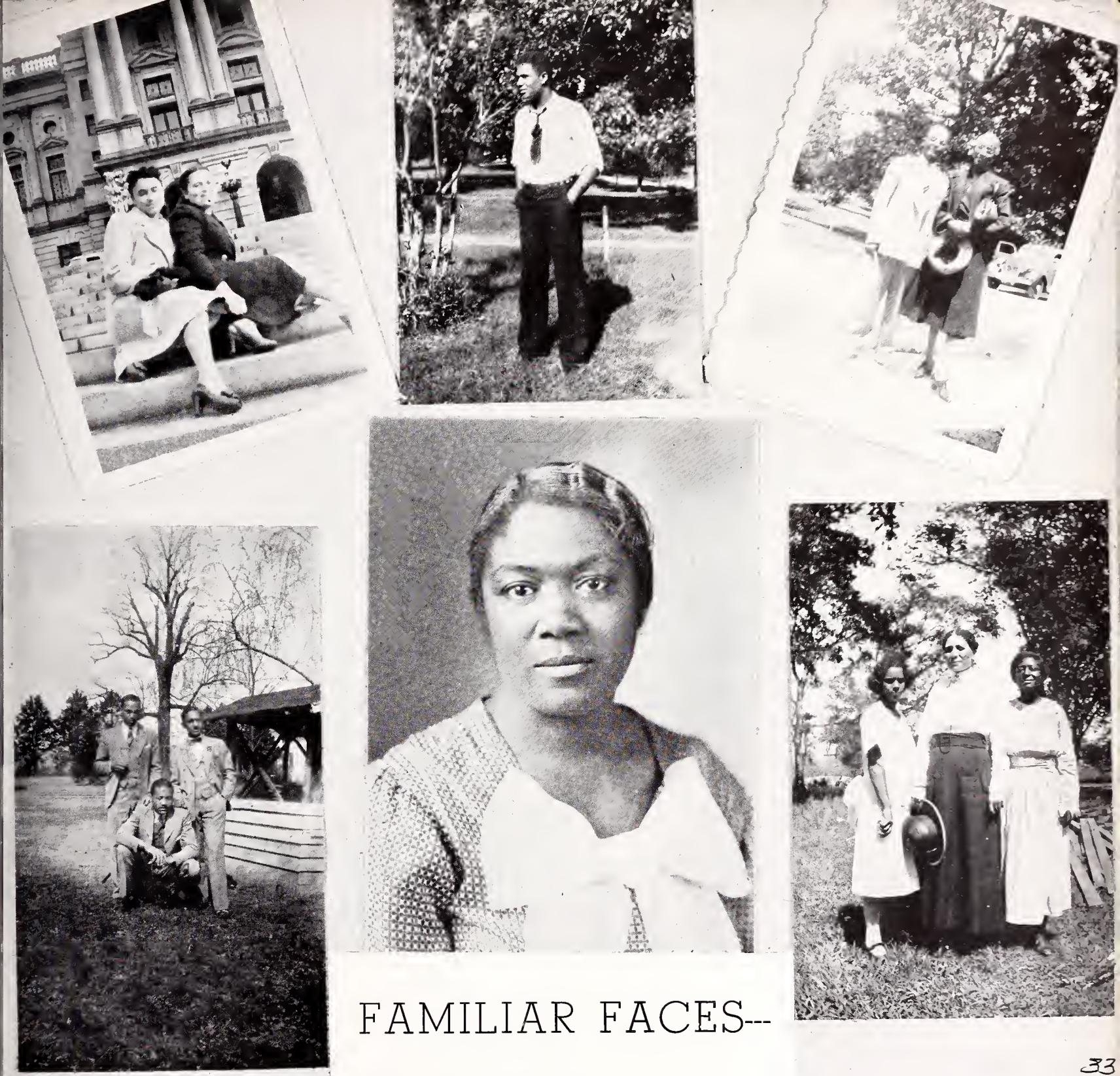




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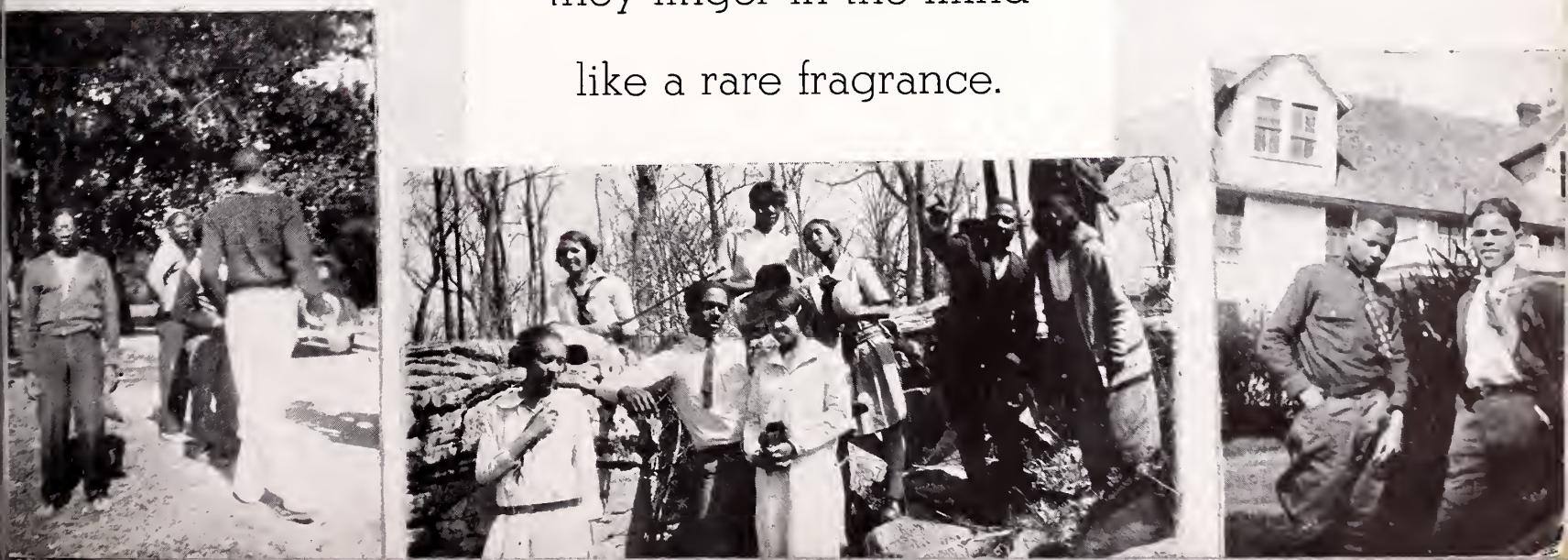




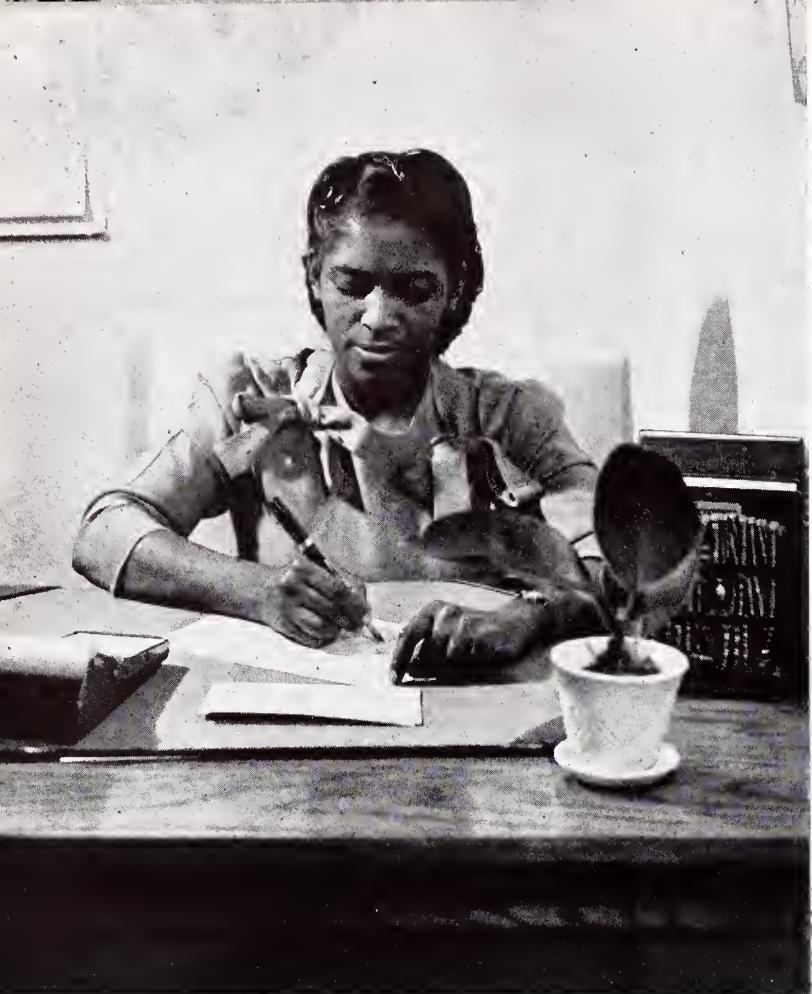
## FAMILIAR FACES--

they linger in the mind

like a rare fragrance.



# COLLEGE DEANS



Frances E. Blake, B. A., Dean of Women, and Instructor in Bible.

Dean Blake tempers her counsel to the young women with sympathy and understanding. Her genuine interest in the problems of youth and her ability to see both sides of a question are among her valuable assets.

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CHARLES A. GRAY, *Dean of men, and instructor in Bible*, and his wife  
MRS. C. A. GRAY, *secretary, exhibit a bit of teamwork.*

The task of helping the men of Henderson City and its annexes to develop fine characters is not exactly an easy one, but Dean Gray has a native knack for guiding young men. His active interest in horticulture and all branches of gardening demonstrates the fact that he is strictly "down to earth" in his approach to every problem.





LEWIS E. FORD, *Business Manager*



THORINGTON T. FRAZIER, *Treasurer*

An institution that expects to fulfill its mission must remain financially solvent. Therefore, Business Manager, Lewis E. Ford, steers away from the "red side" of the ledger. Treasurer Thorington T. Frazier, keeps the books, and the facts and figures are always at his command. Mrs. O. B. Edwards tells you what credits are needed for entrance or graduation. The scholastic records of all students are open to her survey.

MRS. O. B. EDWARDS, B. A., *Registrar*





S. O. CHERRY, B. S., M. D., College Physician



Symptoms of illness, whether they be the annoying sniffles and sneezes of a cold, the dull anguish of a headache, or the languor of mental depression, are given careful attention by the Health Service of the college. As a precautionary measure against ill health, each student is required to have a complete medical check up twice every school year.



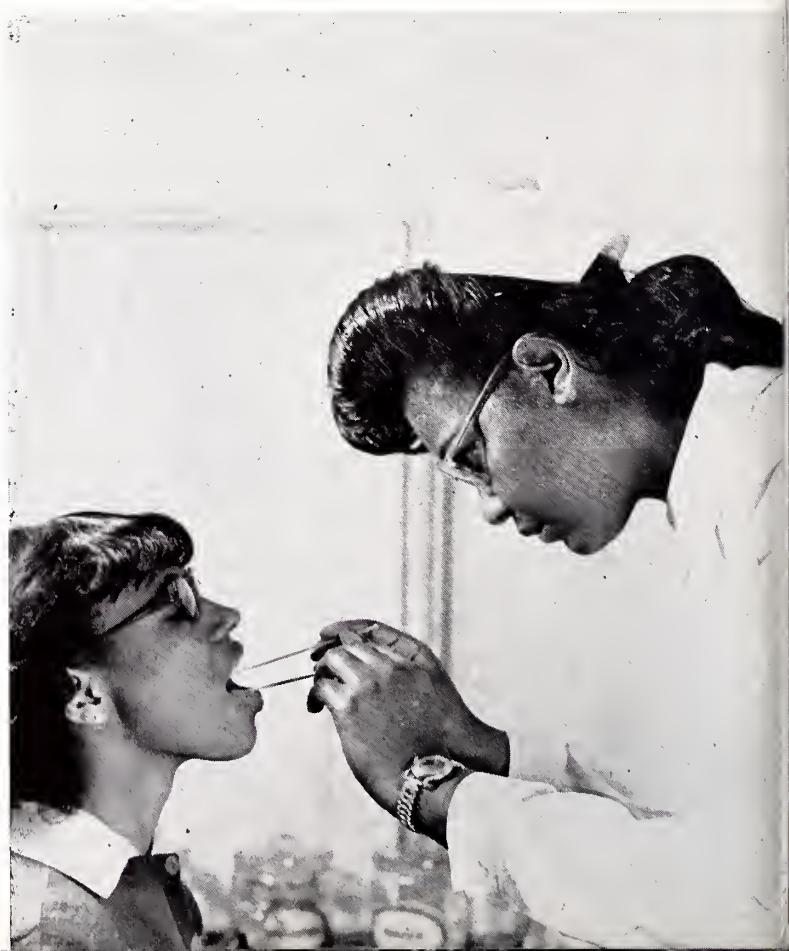
# HEALTH SERVICE



The purpose of the Health Service is to take care of minor illnesses and to give the student body complete health care in all ordinary medical emergencies.



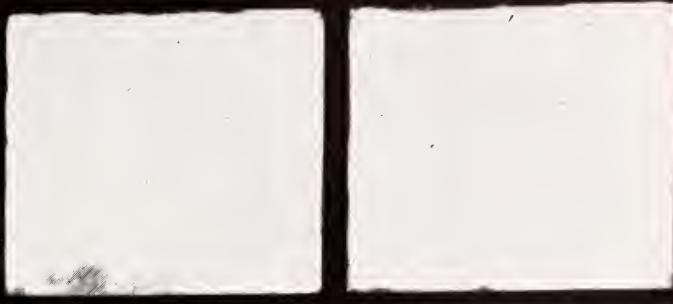
ESTHER POWELL, College Nurse, takes a look at the throat of Anne Battle.



**Fiftieth Anniversary, 1896-1946**

**FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION**





*A little learning is a dangerous thing;  
Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian Spring.  
There shallow draughts intoxicate the brain.  
And drinking largely sobers us again.*

—POPE



CALVIN E. MOSELEY, B. A., M. A., *Professor of Religion*

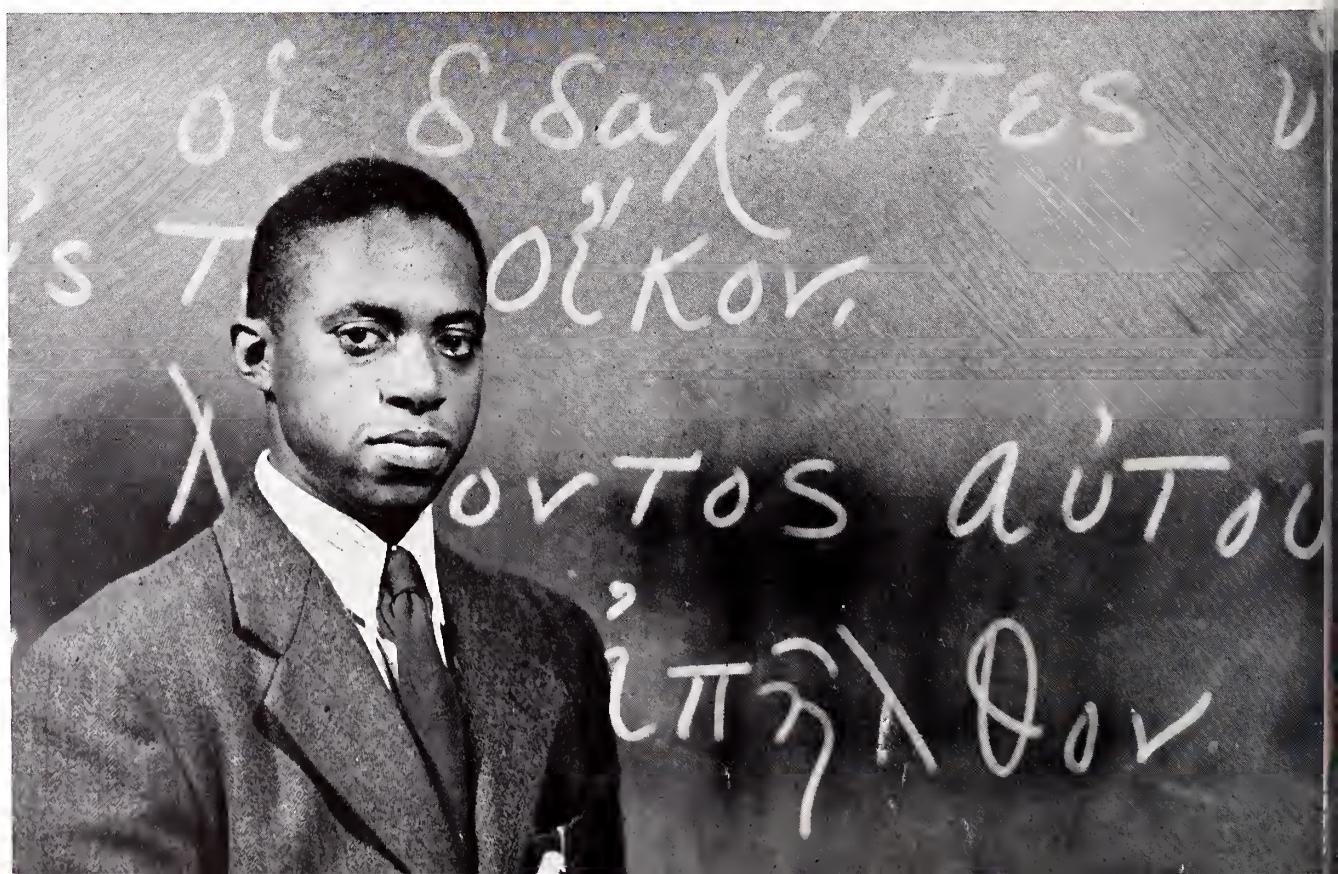
## RELIGION

A man of the cloth, straightforward, and scholarly, Elder C. E. Mosely Jr. is not only a minister, but he is also a moulder of ministers.

The Scriptures definitely mean more than Greek to Elder E. E. Rogers, and yet he realizes the importance of a knowledge of Greek in Biblical exegesis.

Clinical in its methods, the Oakwood Bible Department points with pardonable pride to the finished product of its ministerial training. Scores of ministers, Bible instructors, and gospel workers are yearly joining the ranks of conference personnel.

ERNEST ROGERS, B. A., *Instructor in Greek*



# MUSIC

"Music is the universal language;" it speaks to the hearts of all men. As instructor in music, Mrs. Inez Booth endeavors to convey the art of using the eloquent language of music to students who desire to express themselves in this divine language. Mrs. Anna M. Galley assists in this department.

Professor Harvey Huggans, instructor in voice, teaches by both precept the charm and power of a trained and cultivated voice. Music and song is an integral part of dynamic evangelism.

*Harvey Huggins, Instructor in Voice*



*Anna M. Galley, B. A., Instructor in Piano*



*Inez Booth, B. A., Instructor in Piano and Organ*





EVA B. DYKES, B. A., M. A., PH. D., *Professor of English Language and Literature*

## ENGLISH

CORDELL EVANS, B. A., *Instructor in English*



The world's most powerful tool of personal and social adjustment is language. One of the most flexible if not the most expressive of all languages, is our own mother tongue. In thousands of everyday situations, we employ the written and the spoken word to communicate our wants, our purposes, and our plans to others. The task of securing international good will and cooperation and the effort to maintain world peace hinge largely upon the discreet, direct, and sincere use of words in every relationship between the nations. The proclamation of God's last warning message to a dying world demands purity and forcefulness of expression. Speaking of God's world of tomorrow, prophecy says, "Then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all . . . serve Him with one consent."

Dr. Eva B. Dykes, head of the English Department, is assisted by Miss Cordell Evans in her effort to inculcate the principles of a language that is pure, precise, and unaffected.

# FINE ART



GLADYS L. FLETCHER, Ph. B., M. A., *Professor of Art*

Aside from its cultivated and esthetic values, art is an indispensable factor in the modern world.

Man cannot live by or for purely utilitarian ends. Nevertheless, art is useful in a multitude of ways. Especially in the publishing work is art an imperative need. The vast publishing work of Seventh-day Adventists is in need of skilled artists whose talents are consecrated to the service of the Great Master Artist. Mrs. Fletcher has devoted her life to the production and teaching of many phases of art.



NATELKKA E. BURRELL, B. A., Director of Elementary Teacher Training and Laboratory School

## EDUCATION

The Oakwood College Department of Education senses the fact that the most acute shortage in America today is not a scarcity of housing facilities or material equipment. In spite of other crying needs, the shortage of well trained teachers is America's greatest lack. With such a deficiency of teachers, our American democracy cannot be maintained in a robust state of health. The world's great educators do not hesitate to declare that the secularistic, materialistic mould into which the popular system of education is cast needs a serious revamping. The world needs teachers "sent from God" to re-educate a whole generation of warp-minded youth, who have become infected with poisonous ideologies and selfish creeds.

A trainer of teachers and herself a born teacher, Miss Natelkka Burrell, head of the college Normal Department has devoted her life wholeheartedly to "the nicest work" ever committed to men and women.



Otis B. Edwards, B. A., Mus. B., M. A., *Professor of History*

## HISTORY

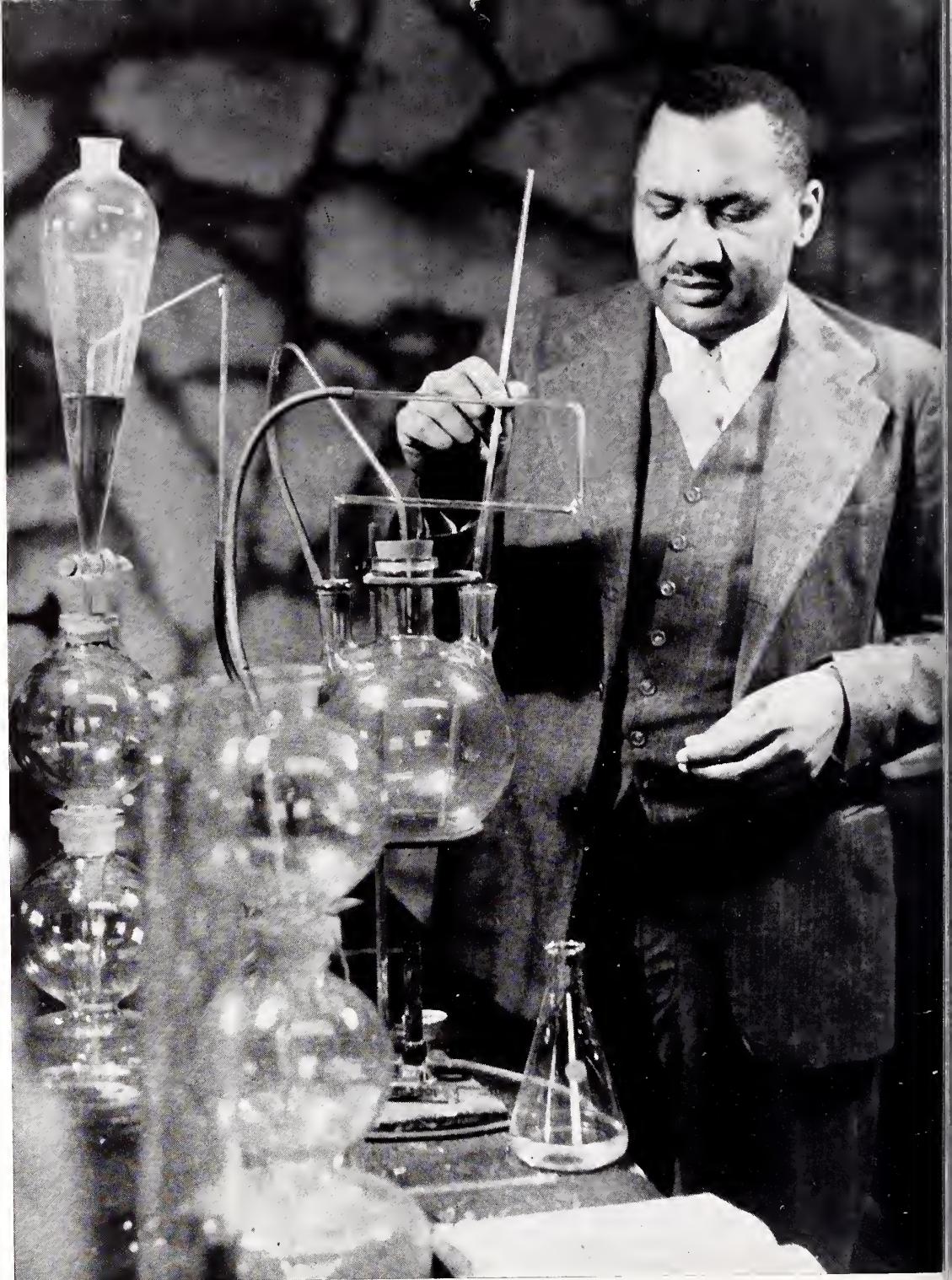
A comprehensive knowledge of the main currents of history is an essential part of our understanding of the past, of our appraisal of the present, and of our preparation for the future.

Few, if any, students have ever taken a course in history under Professor O. B. Edwards without receiving a new sense of the tremendous importance of the study of history. Under his instructions, the dry data and events of history open as a door into the living past.

By the study of history, fulfilling prophecy and the plan of Providence assume new dimensions of meaning.

Assisting Professor Edwards in the teaching of "His-story", as it has unfolded in the lives of men and nations, are Miss Eunice Willis and Professor H. E. Richards.

# SCIENCE



NATHAN BANKS, B. A., *Professor of Chemistry and Physical Science*

Before the dawn of the Atomic Age, science had assumed a leading role in the world of the twentieth century. Our generation has been schooled in the use of gadgets and push buttons. Science has brought unlimited resources within the reach of all mankind. On the other hand, science, in the hands of unscrupulous men, threatens mankind with utter annihilation.

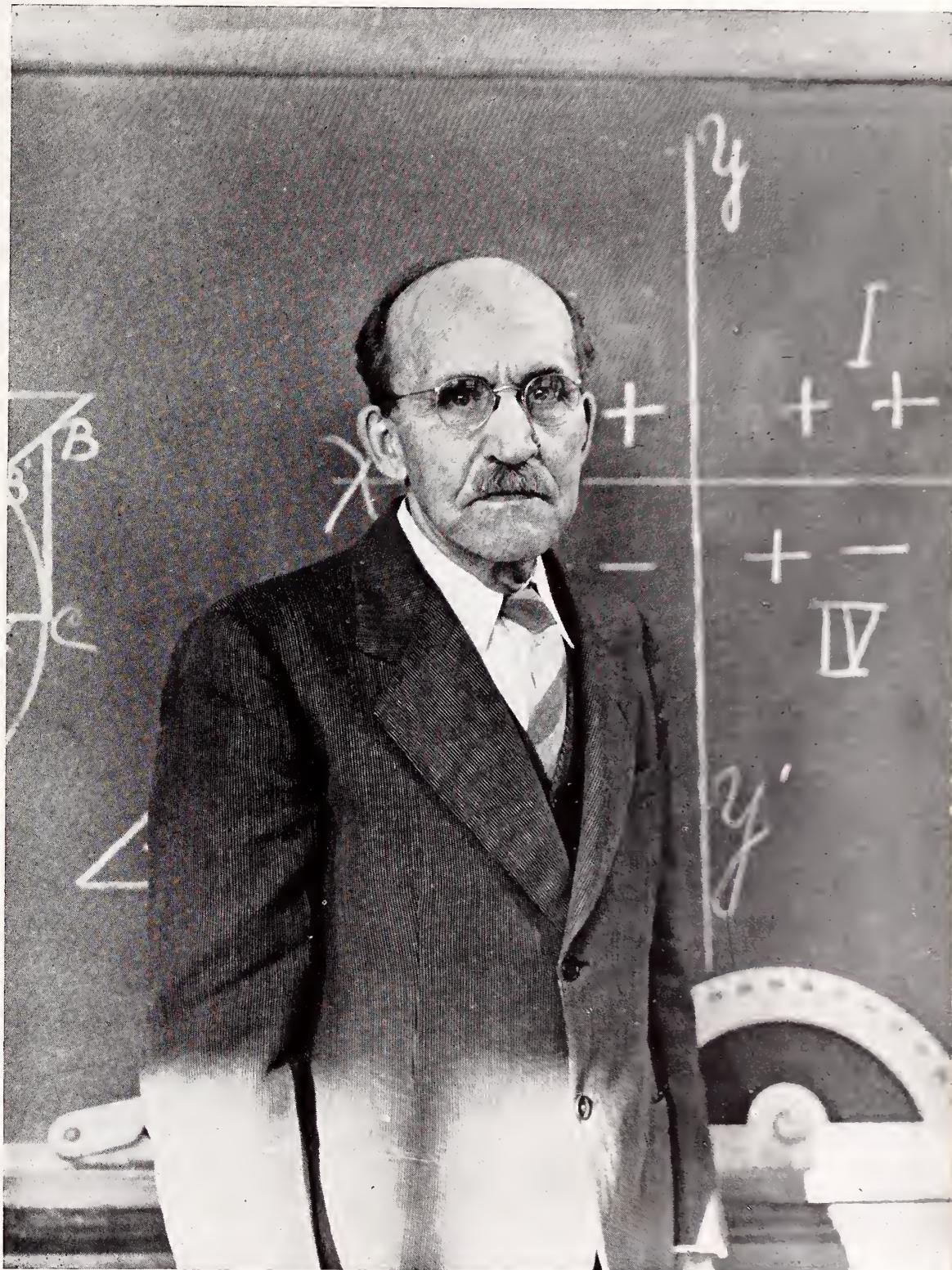
The biggest problem presented to scientists is how to summon the service of science as a minister of life rather than an angel of death.

Professor Nathan Banks, knowing that knowledge is power, is guided in his teaching by the philosophy that science should serve only constructive ends.

New discoveries in physics and chemistry give added urgency to the study of these courses.

# M A T H E M A T I C S

H. T. CURTIS, B. S., Professor of Mathematics



Mathematics, the inseparable handmaiden of science, philosophy, and logic is the most powerful intellectual tool known to man.

By means of mathematics man attempts to weigh the earth, to construct a house, plan a city, measure the distance between the stars, calculate unthinkable infinities, and probe into the secret inner structure of the atom.

During his many years of teaching experience, Professor H. T. Curtis has endeavored to unfold to his students a practical understanding of the mysteries of mathematics.

# MODERN LANGUAGES

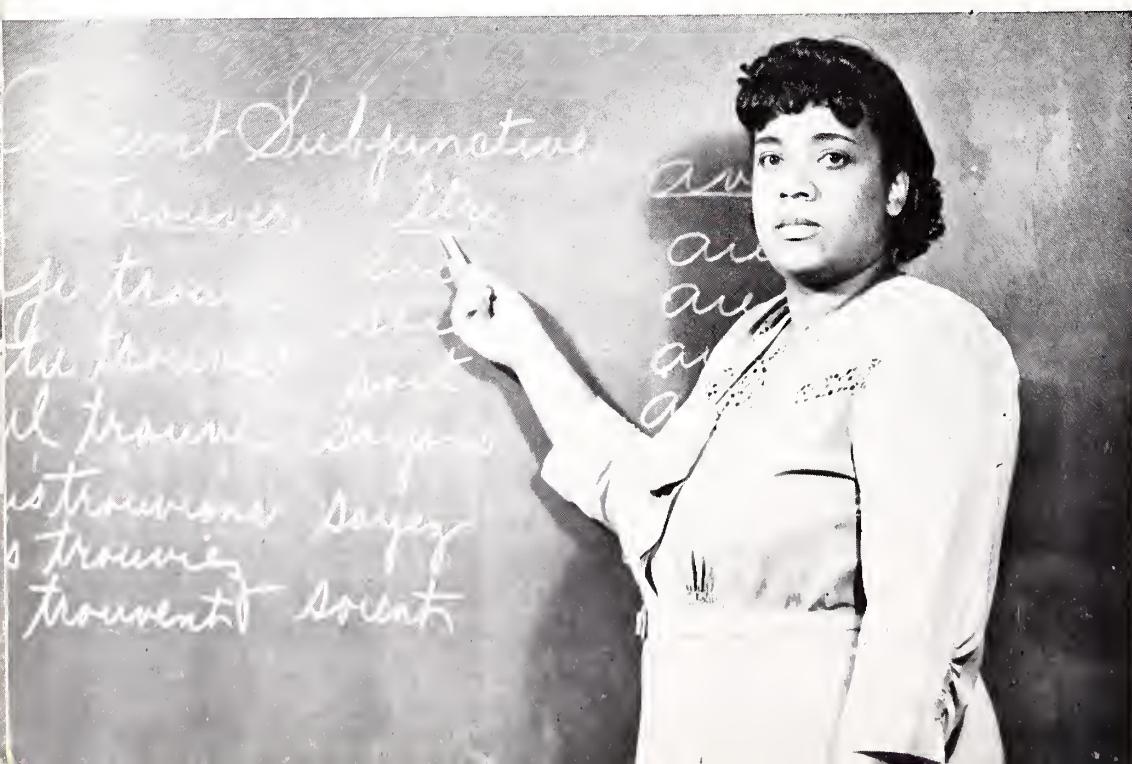
## SPANISH

The soft accents of the Romance languages are ably interpreted by Miss Sylvia Marrero, instructor of Spanish, and Miss Eunice Willis, instructor of French, as they endeavor to instill the same in the students.

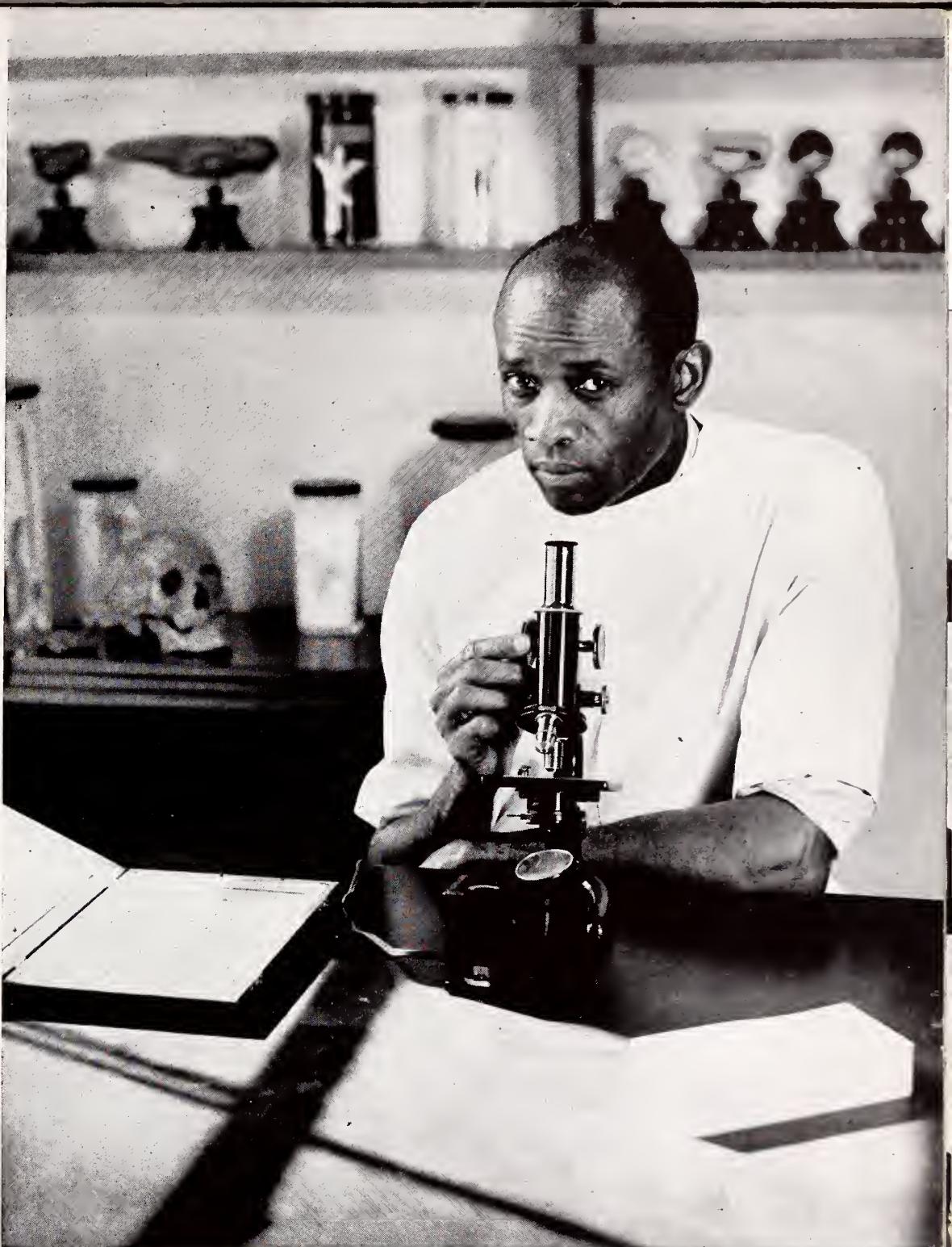


SYLVIA MARRERO, B. A., Assistant Professor of Spanish Language and Literature

EUNICE WILLIS, B. A., Assistant Professor of French Language and Literature



FRENCH



H. EDWARD RICHARDS, B. A., Th. B., *Associate Professor of Biology*

## B I O L O G Y

The human body and its numerous functions is one of many engrossing, vital subjects pursued in the biology laboratory under the technical guidance of Professor H. E. Richards.



HERMAN L. WRIGHT, B.S., *Instructor in Industrial Arts*

# APPLIED

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In mankind's forward march of progress, his mastery of the applied arts has prepared the way for all his advances in the fine arts of civilization.

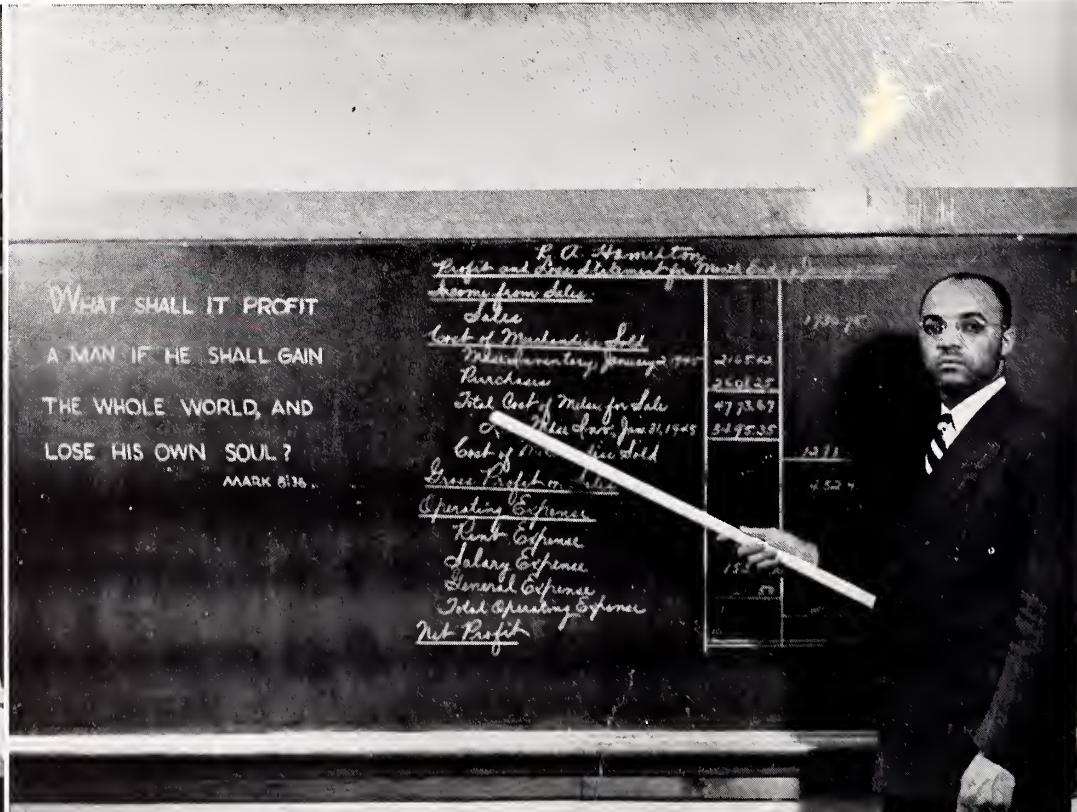
With the strong-arm lever of the mechanical arts man has hoisted himself to undreamed of levels of living and comfort. Modern industry is based on an understanding of machine manipulations.

Professor H. L. Wright, head of the Mechanical Arts Department, realizes that both theory and practice, the drawing board and the work bench, are necessary to the development of industrial skills.

In order to fill a growing need for office personnel, Professor C. E. Galley has accepted the challenge of giving a training for commerce that is second to none. Mrs. T. T. Frazier assists in this task.

CELESTINE FRAZIER, *Instructor in Typewriting*

CHARLES E. GALLEY, B. A., *Professor of Commerce*



# ARTS

"An army marches on its stomach." And "a nation is what it eats." These are rather trite, but axiomatic truths. Fully conscious that the science of food and cookery should be a part of every young lady's equipment for life, Miss Edna Lett gives a basic training in that field.

From the soil, all wealth and well being are derived. Professor R. L. Reynolds rightly regards the science of the soil as fundamental. As a veteran agriculturist, he very ably instructs in that field.

Library Science has become indispensable in an age that multiplies books without end. Miss Onilda Taylor performs an invaluable service as librarian.



EDNA LETT, B. A., *Instructor in Home Economics and English*

R. L. REYNOLDS, B. S., M. A., *Instructor in Agriculture*



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BESSIE CARTER, Matron



SYLVIA KEE, Assistant Matron

There are certain essential tasks that must be carried on, or nothing else can go forward. The administrative assistants pictured on this page are in charge of several of such essential tasks.

ESPIE U. CARTER, B. S., Head of Dairy and Poultry

LAWRENCE E. FLETCHER, Head of Maintenance



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DENNIS L. CROSBY, B. S., *Farm Manager*



*"Iron Horse"*

*"Green Pastures"*



Farming has come into its own to the extent that everyone realizes the basic part that agriculture plays in the modern world. Farming, if it is done rightly, is a major science. Dennis L. Crosby, farm manager employs tested and tried techniques in his farm management.



The entire College Board of '46 pauses long enough to have a photographic record taken.

# COLLEGE BOARD

Believe it or not, we have the five Presidents of Colored Conferences in the same place at the same time





Known to a half generation of teachers and students as a pioneer leader in Christian education, and as a missionary to India, Miss Anna Knight has carved her name forever in the hearts of all whose lives have touched hers.

# OAKWOOD COLLEGE

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

The Gateway to a Life of Service



To round out a half century of steady growth and progress (1896-1946), Oakwood College celebrates its Golden Jubilee Anniversary. Through the years, Oakwood has done more than prove its survival value; it has also demonstrated its capacity to prepare young men and women for a life that counts. Our doors are always open to young men and women of character. Every son and daughter of Oakwood may well feel proud to join our family re-union through the pages of this volume.

BUTLER HALL, Annex to young women's home

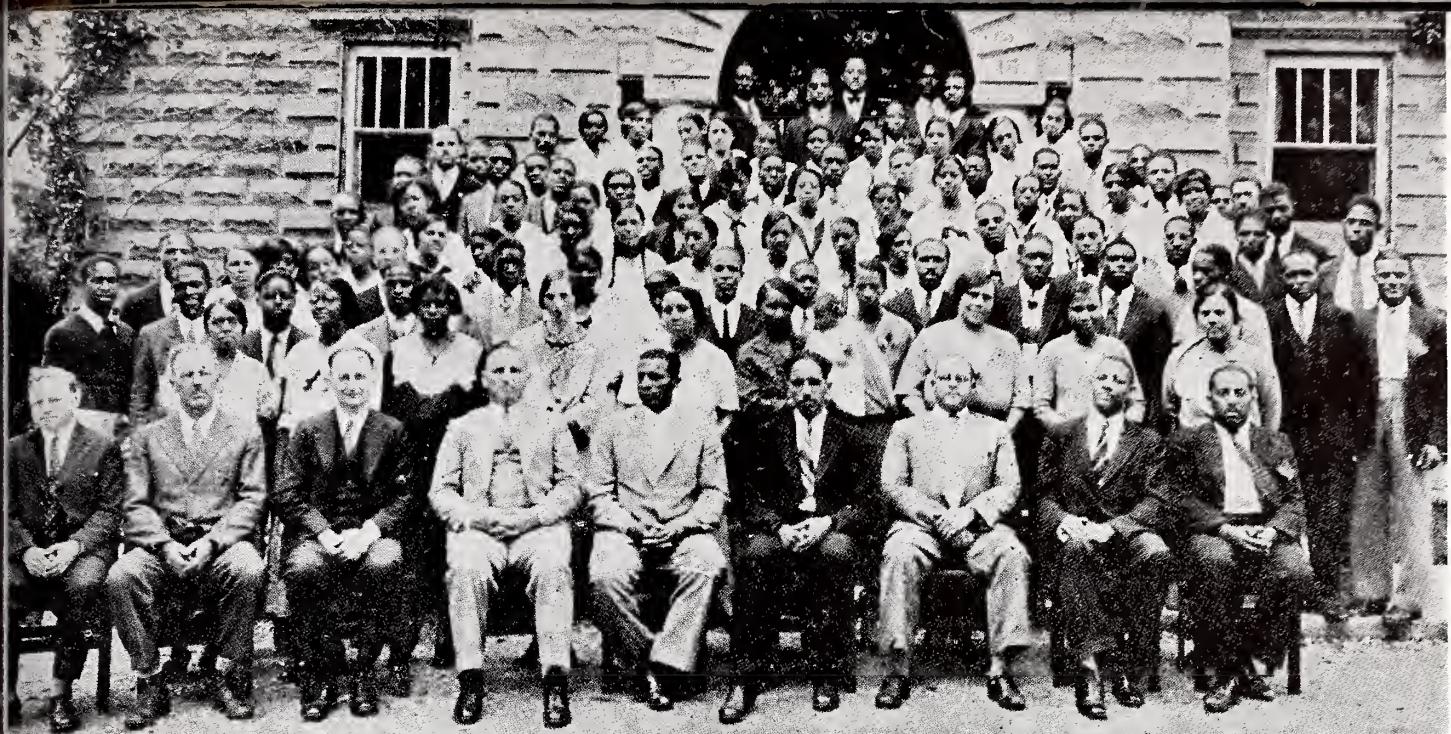


IRWIN HALL, Home of young women

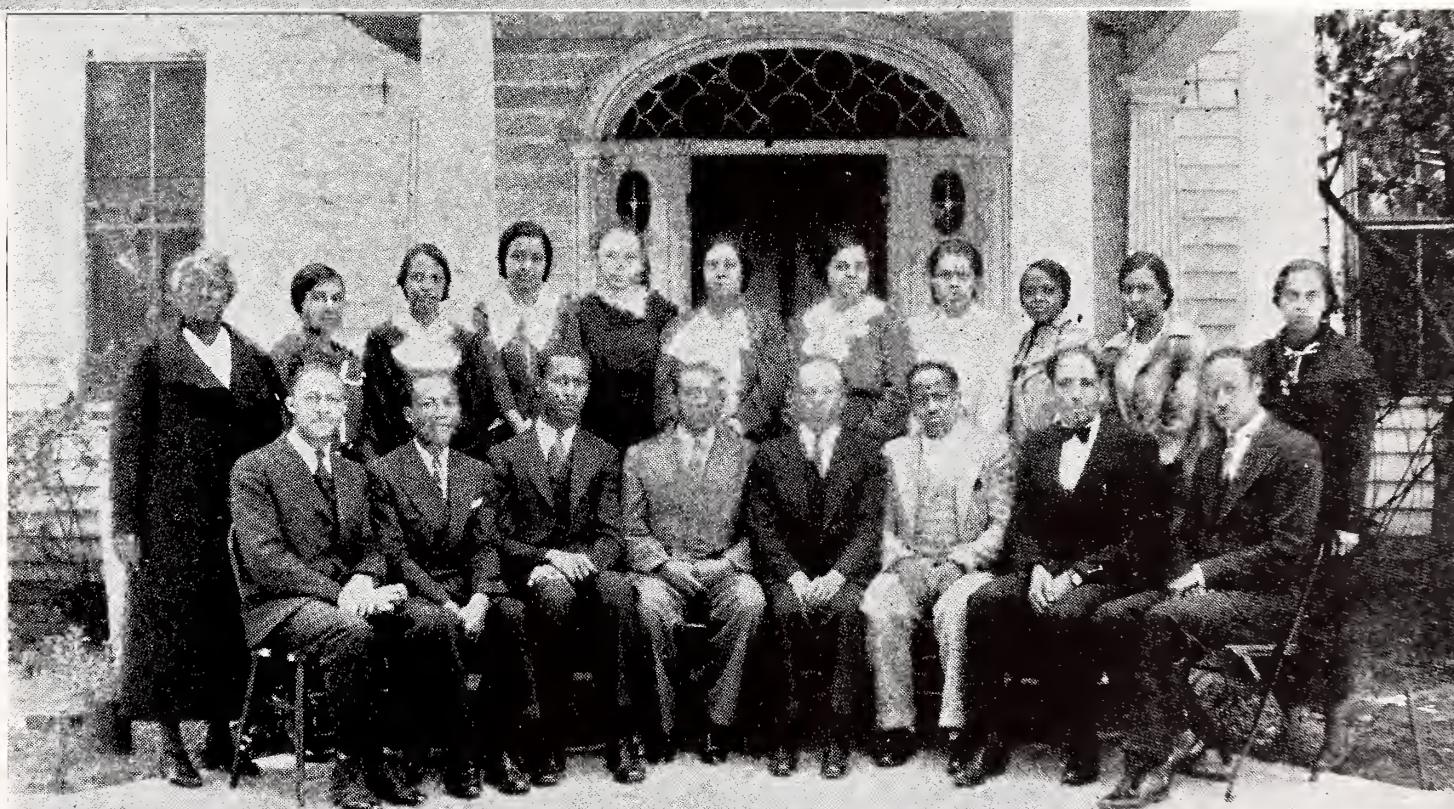


HENDERSON HALL, Young men's home

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**Fiftieth Anniversary, 1896-1946**

**CLASSES**







President: LEE A. PASCHAL  
 Major: Religion  
 Minor: History

Treasurer, ANDREW SHORTER  
 Major: Religion  
 Minor: History

Secretary, MARGARET DANIELS  
 Major: Religion  
 Minor: History

CHARLES GRAHAM  
 Major: Religion  
 Minor: History

Vice-President, GRAYCE WILLIAMS  
 Major: English  
 Minor: Elementary Education

RUTH H. JORDAN  
 Major: English  
 Minor: Elementary Education

## SENIORS

The very thought of Commencement sends a thrill of expectancy through the heart of any senior. The year 1946 is a great time in which to be alive. Graduation, at a time like the present, takes on some of the solemn aspects of that brooding tenseness that grips a corps of fighting men at the zero hour, just before the signal for the attack is given. A feeling of overwhelming delight mingled with a melancholy pensiveness steals over us, when we think of the new responsibilities that will soon be placed upon our shoulders.

"Parting is such sweet sorrow!" We know that a nostalgic yearning for the grounds of our Alma Mater will haunt us wherever we go. The ties of old friendships will be disrupted. Our comparatively

sheltered existence will soon terminate. But every change will bring its compensation.

In any event, this is no time for indulging in any wishy-washy namby-pamby sort of sentimentalism. This is a time for decision and decisive action!

"Loyalty, faithfulness, conscientiousness, zeal" are the essential qualities that we, the Seniors of 1946, have chosen as our aim. These ideals, like guiding stars, will lead us on to our final goal. Our goal is a life of usefulness and service here, that will prepare us for the joy of higher and greater service in the school of the hereafter. We shall have obstacles to surmount. There will be hardships to endure. One needs not be a prophet to foresee that difficult days are ahead for all of us. We exclaim, in the words of our motto, "To the stars through difficulty!"

# OF 1946

MOTTO: To the stars through difficulty.

AIM: Loyalty, Faithfulness, Conscientiousness, Zeal.

COLORS: Blue and Silver.

FLOWER: Red carnation.

DONALD L. CROWDER  
Major: Religion  
Minor: History



DAVRYE LEE BANKS

Major: History

Minor: Elementary Education

JAMES E. DYKES  
Major: Religion  
Minor: History

MERRELL DANLEY  
Major: English  
Minor: Elementary Education



JOSEPH T. POWELL

Major: Religion

Minor: History

GLORIA SADDLER  
Major: English  
Minor: Religion

FRANK HILL  
Major: Religion  
Minor: History



RUTH BRACY

Major: English

Minor: Elementary Education

ISAAC N. WASHINGTON  
Major: Religion  
Minor: History

FRANCES GOODINE  
Major: History  
Minor: Religion, Chemistry



JESSIE RAYMOND

Major: Elementary Education

Minor: History, English

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# PROFESSIONAL SENIORS

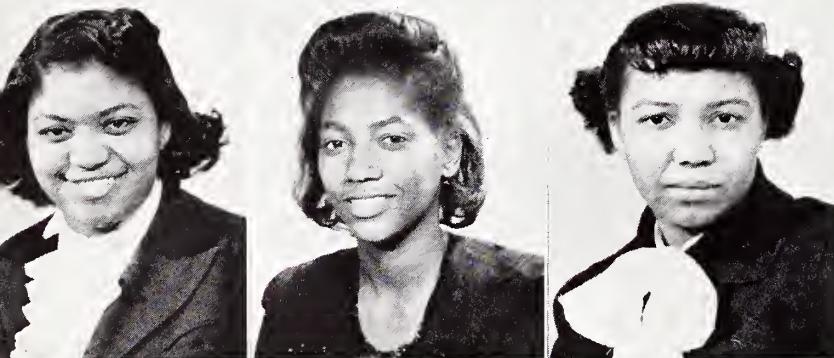


President, ETHEL MCKENZIE  
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FRANCES HUDSON  
Secretarial

Treasurer, MATTIE CHAFFIN  
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NUNA PHILLIPS  
Pre-Nursing

GWENDOLYN JORDAN  
Secretarial



CORNELIA JOSEPH  
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Two-Year Elementary  
Education



RUBY JONES  
Secretarial

REGINA RAGLAND  
Pre-Nursing

VIVIAN GARDNER  
Secretarial

# WHO'S WHO AMONG SENIORS

## OF '46

### LEE PASCHAL

President Senior Class 45-46  
 President Epsilon Sigma 45-46  
 President Student Council 45  
 President Excelsior 43-44  
 President Choir 43-45  
 President Seminar 44  
 Treasurer Junior Class 43  
 Treasurer Student Council 45-46  
 Treasurer Educational Club 43-44  
 Business Manager Annual 45-46  
 Member of College Quarter 43-46

### MARGARET DANIELS

Secretary Senior Class 46  
 Secretary Seminar 46  
 Vice President Quinci Qua Quinci 44  
 Sabbath School Secretary 43  
 Vice President Junior Class 42  
 Honor Student 45  
 Choir 46

### GRACE WILLIAMS

Vice President Senior Class 45-46  
 Secretary Spanish Club 46  
 M. V. Leader 45  
 Junior Sabbath School Leader 45-46  
 Sabbath School Teacher 45-46  
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### ANDREW SHORTER

Vice President of Seminar 44  
 Prayer Band Leader 42-45  
 M. V. Pianist 40  
 Sabbath School Teacher 40-46  
 O. M. A. Treasurer 45-46  
 Senior Class Treasurer 45-46  
 Excelsior Chaplain 45-46

### CHARLES GRAHAM

Y. P. M. V. Leader 42-43, 45-46  
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### RUTH JORDAN

Secretary Y. P. M. V. 42-43  
 President Educational Club 43-44  
 Treasurer Educational Club 44-45  
 Treasurer Quinci Qua Quinci 44-45  
 Secretary Sabbath School 45-46  
 Treasurer Gamma Sigma Kappa 45-46  
 Assistant Secretary Senior Class 43-44

### DAVRYE LEE BANKS

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### JAMES E. DYKES

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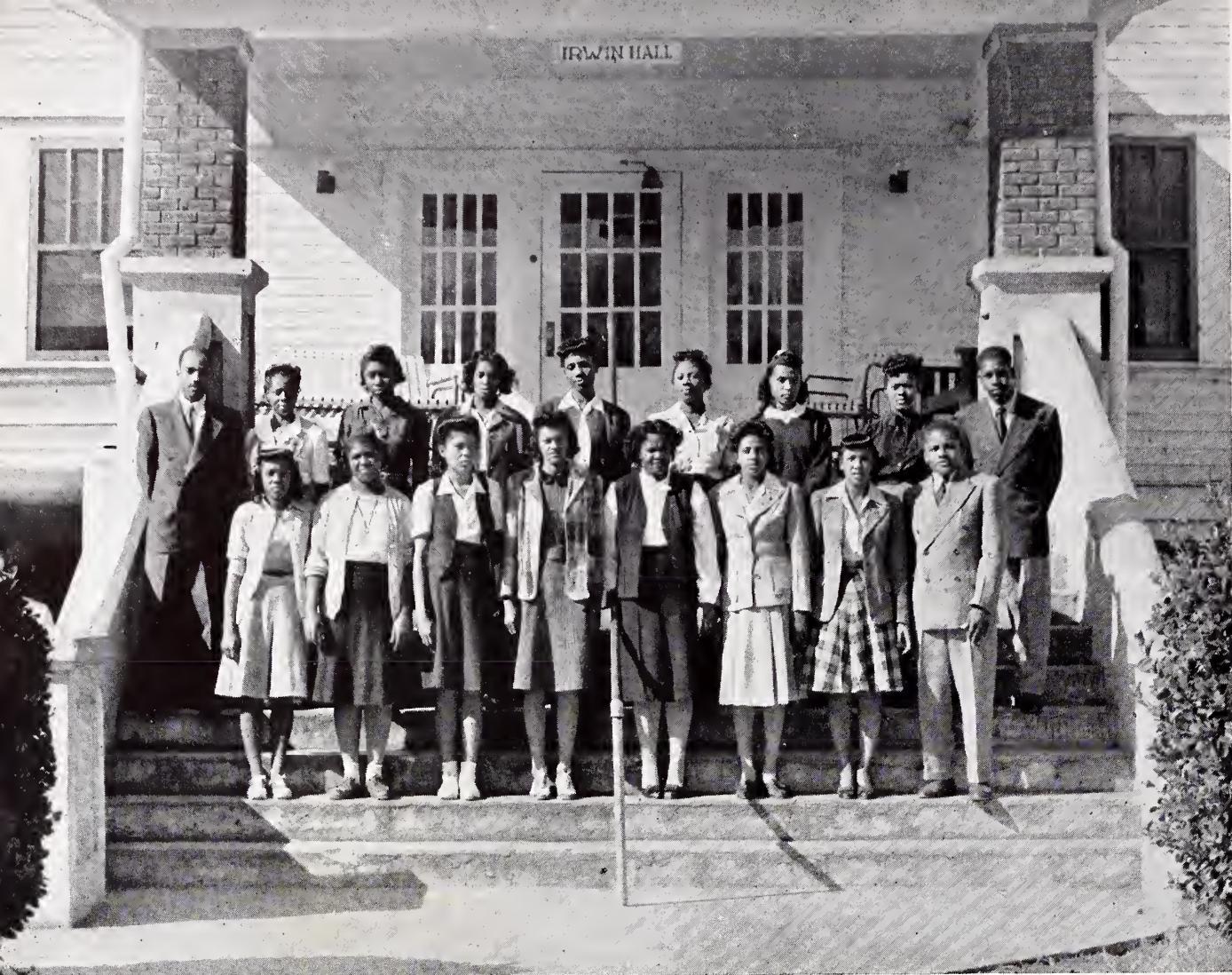
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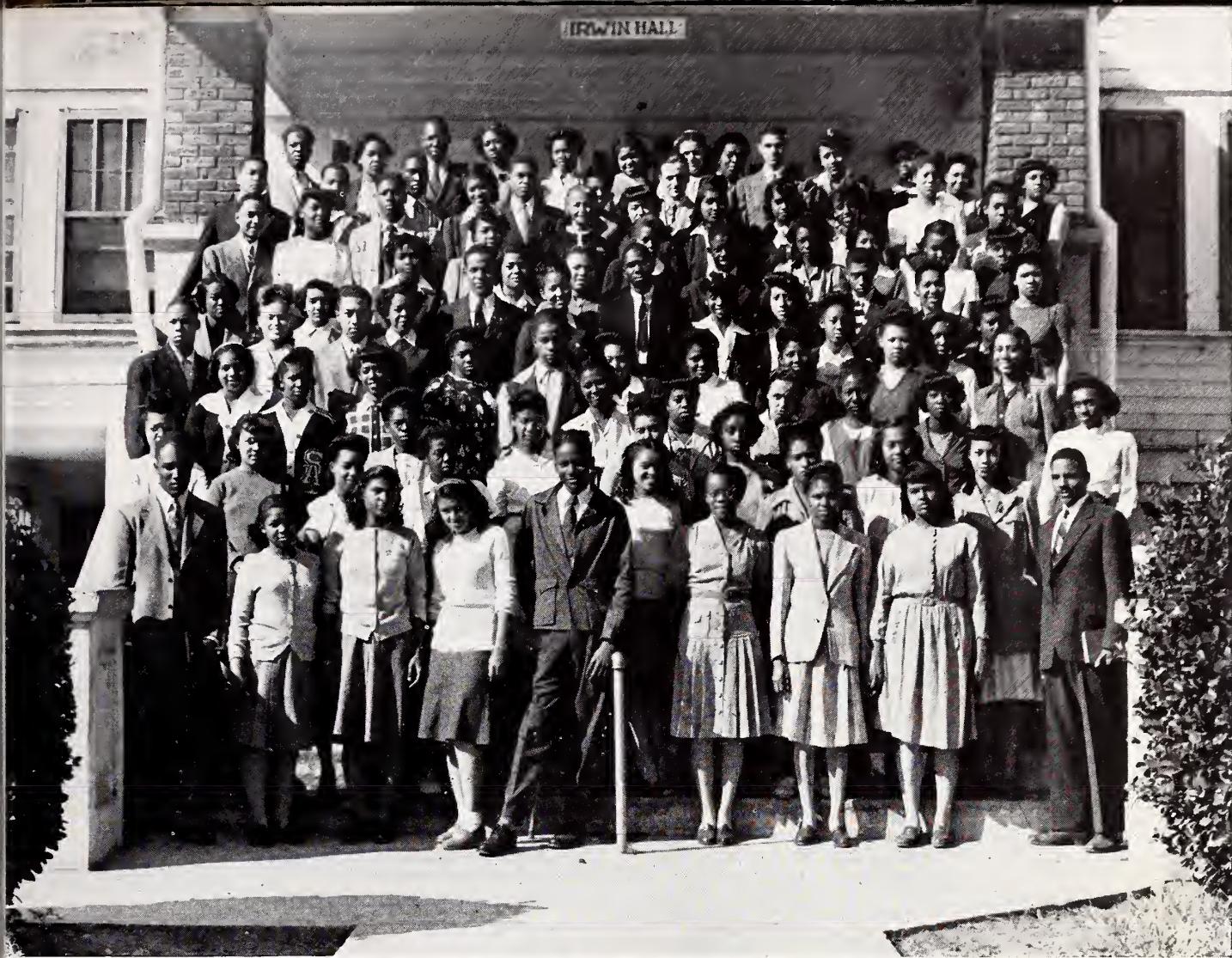
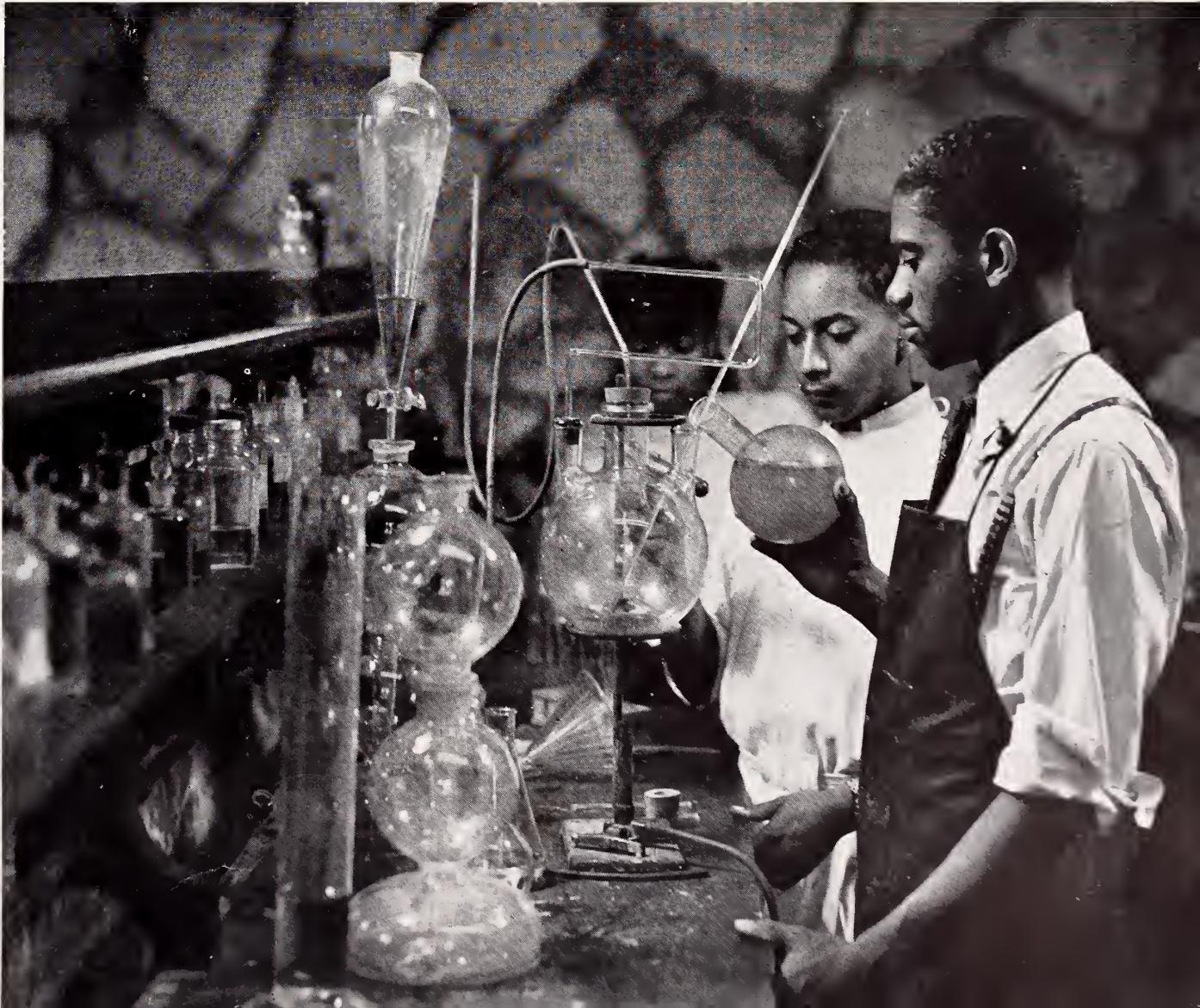
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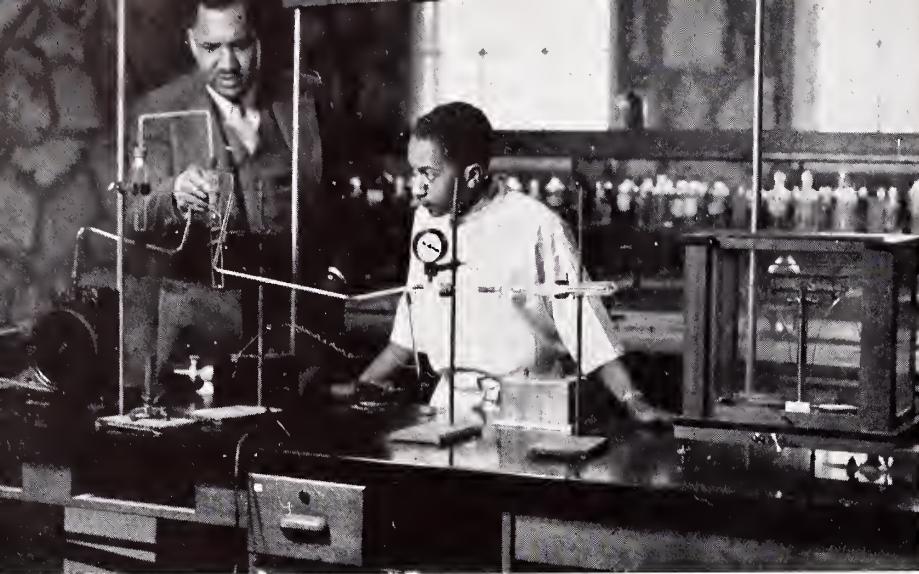


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## FRESHMEN

CHEMISTRY  
STUDENTS



*Probing the mysteries of Physics*



*Getting the right angle on Trigonometry*



*Domestic Science in action*



*A class in Physical Education*



Under the direction of Mrs. G. Fletcher, the art classes of the college have made remarkable progress in pastel, water-color, pen and ink, painting in oil, and sculpture. Above may be seen part of the art exhibition. These drawings are in pastel and charcoal. The bust below was sculptured by Turner Battle III; the name of this original creation is "GIVE ME FREEDOM."

Below may be seen a group of students using a transit in their trigonometry class. Professor Curtis, their teacher, looks on.



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# Fiftieth Anniversary, 1896-1946

*"Heaven is not reached at a single bound;  
But we build the ladder by which we rise  
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,  
And we mount to its summit, round by round."*

—HOLLAND

## ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS



## “WHAT WE ARE TO BE, WE ARE NOW BECOMING.”



*Wistfully and with a touch of nostalgia he recalls his student days at Oakwood. Calmly soliloquizing, a conference president reminisces aloud. “Yes,” he begins meditatively, “most of us did dream dreams in those bygone days of limited horizons. As students, we organized ‘conferences’ among ourselves. We were dreaming of the years ahead. In our self-made world of make-believe, many of our promising fellow students were assigned places of responsibility in the work of the great Second Advent Movement. Some of us saw ourselves in the role of editors, administrators, executives, and other personnel in our ‘conferences.’*

*“That sort of planning was a pleasant diversion that gave buoyant meaning to our aspirations. In those dim days of yesteryear we were merely playing and dreaming of ‘Colored conferences’ and larger opportunities for service. Today the dream is a glowing reality!*

*As we dream, aspire, plan, and work, let us always remember—*

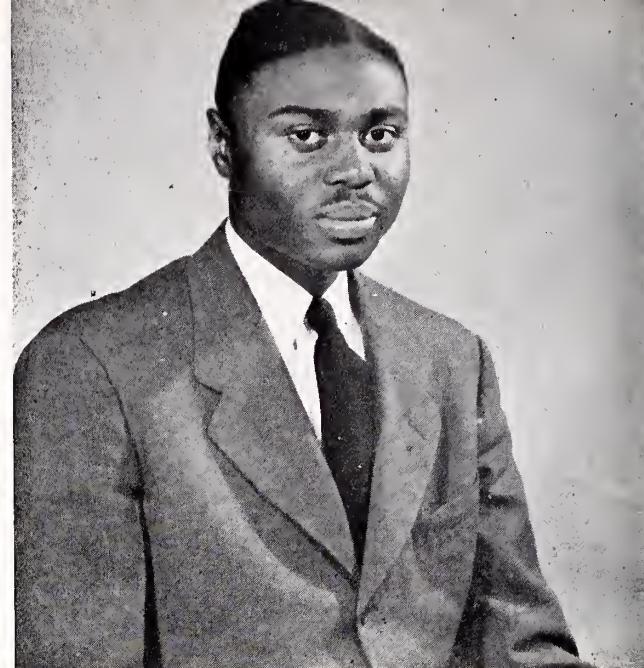
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# STUDENT . . .

## Democracy in Action

Symbolic of the new horizons of progress toward which Oakwood has turned her gaze, the Student Council serves as a medium through which the student body expresses its will.

In spite of the world-wide trend toward totalitarian and paternalistic patterns of society, democracy in action proves that there is no substitute for self-government. The student government, under its present organization, has functioned scarcely a year. Marked progress has been made in effecting solutions to the every-day problems of college life. Far-reaching plans and proposals have been initiated, worthwhile projects have been launched, and the future is bright with aspirations.



President of the Council, JAMES E. DYKES

*At the helm of student government, the Student Council maps and executes progressive plans.*



# COUNCIL

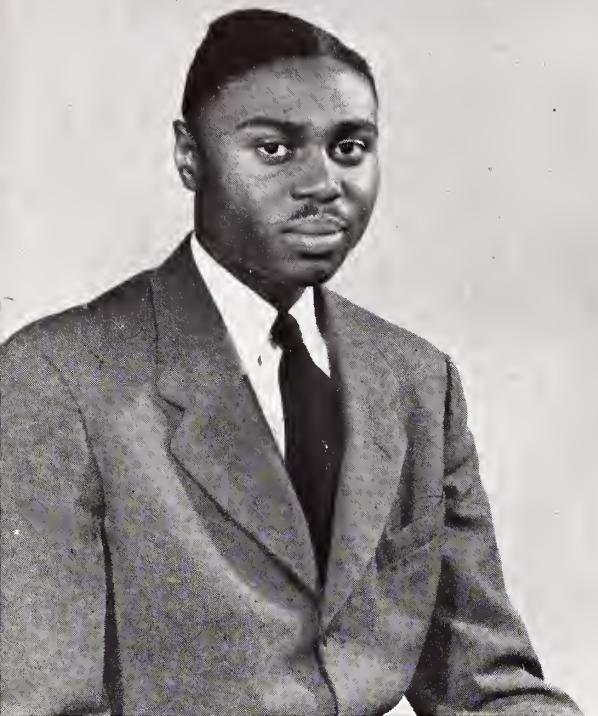


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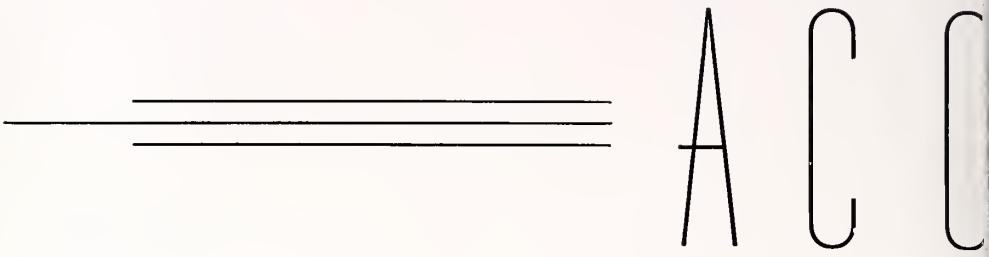
## The Voice of Oakwood

Oakwood is now in the midst of a great program of expansion and progress in all fields of endeavor. The Student Council of Oakwood College is working on a long-range program. The goal toward which the council is striving is complete integration and effective co-ordination of all student activities under centralized control. Under an approved constitution, all extra-curricular activities will be officially sponsored by the student body and the faculty. This will introduce a stabilizing factor in our student affairs.

No organization functions perfectly at its inception. The officers and faculty adviser of the Council are fully aware of the fact that much remains to be done. Among recommendations which the Council has made is that of implementing facilities and equipment for student self-development and recreation. Eventually, the vast, untapped resources and potentialities of student government will be explored and exploited by the Oakwood College Student Council. Indeed, the Council is destined to become the articulate Voice of Oakwood.



Editor of your "Dream Book", J. E. DYKES, '46



corners of the earth, Oakwood is rapidly becoming a world-wide fellowship of the heralds of the Advent Message. Moreover, it is quite obvious that the history of Oakwood runs parallel with, and converges into the history of the rise and progress of the Advent Movement among colored believers at many points. Then we were reminded that 1946 rounds out the fiftieth year of the founding of Oakwood.

When the full significance of these facts burst upon the thinking of the editorial staff, a new idea was born. Why not create a book that every Oakwoodite and friend of

Have you ever heard the tale of an ACORN that did not grow on a tree?

The saga of the development of the ACORN, the Annual of Oakwood College for 1946, is stranger than fiction, and quite as fascinating. The staff of the 1946 ACORN labored not just to realize a dream, but to make a complete "dream book," or book of dreams come true. Oakwood had long since outgrown the "special" editions of the school paper that were issued at the close of each school year. Certain bold and daring souls spoke out for an annual, but to no avail. The publication of the OAKS in 1928 and the MENTOR in 1941 gave promise that Oakwood would one day have a college annual in the grand style.

It was not until 1946 that the ACORN germinated. Conceived in the mind of our understanding president, F. L. Peterson, and enthusiastically supported by our leaders in the field, an idea, a vision came into being. We saw clearly that Oakwood means more than a mere school. With her sons and daughters serving our Master in far

*A taste for good English and a love of hard work characterize the associate editor, Ruth Bracy, '46.*



Oakwood could be proud of? We decided to emphasize, beginning with the early pioneer days, Oakwood's faculty members, students, alumni, and our colored work and workers in the whole of North America, in one vast panorama of progress.

*Working night and day on the ACORN, Art Editor Turner Battle III, '47, remembers that "a thing of beauty is a joy forever."*

(Right)

*A master of pictorial realism, Photographer Raymond Simons, '49, adds precision and finesse to his Art.*

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*Straight-thinking, Business Manager Lee Paschal, '46, "plans his work and works his plan."*

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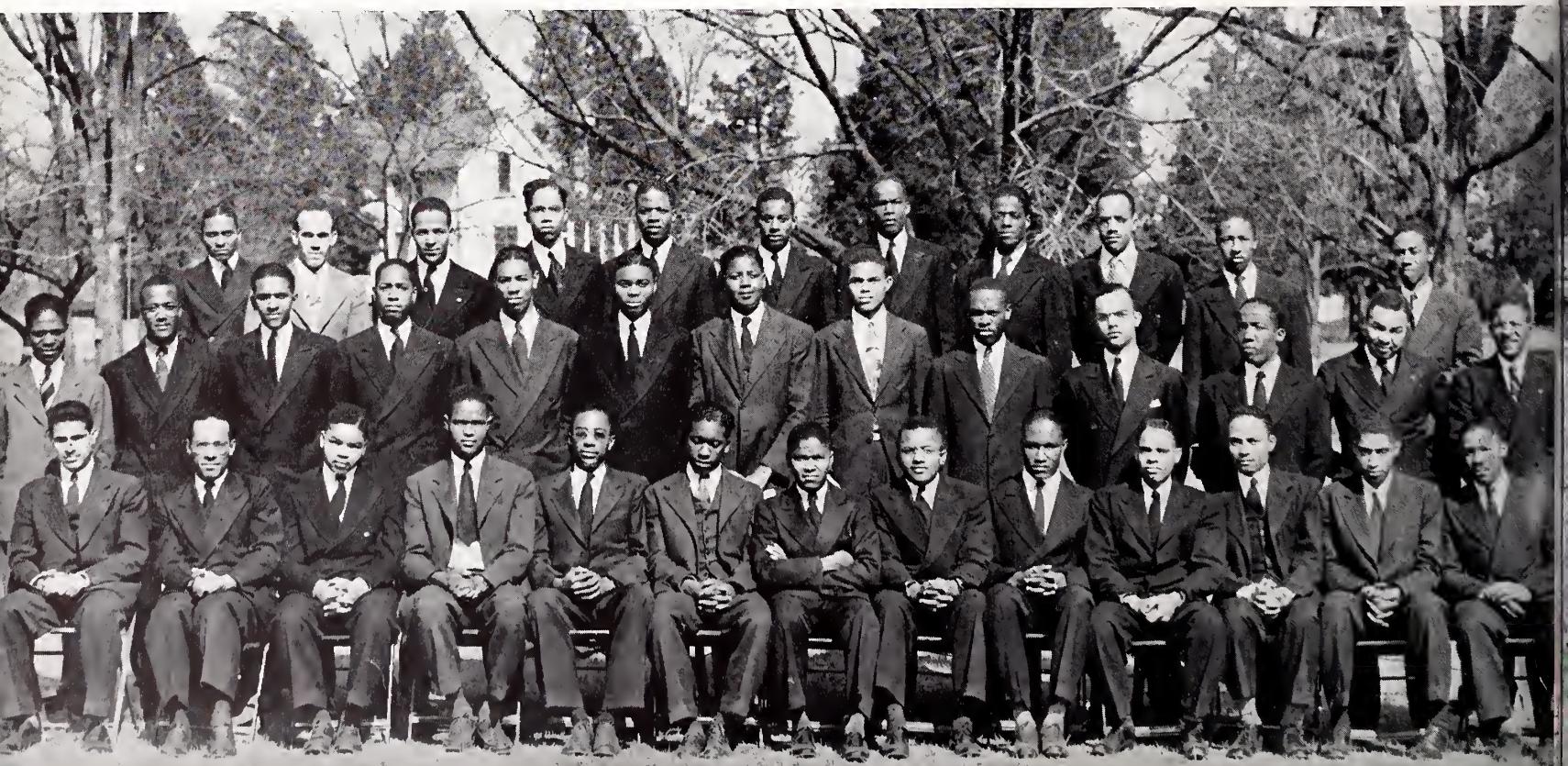


As one who is cast into the evangelistic mold, forward-looking president, Charles Bradford, visualizes a greater Seminar.

We had undertaken a tremendous task. Hundreds of letters were written to our ministers and other leaders in the conferences, churches, and elsewhere. The response from the field was magnificent and heartening. For some members on the staff, it has meant long, weary hours of toil, sweat, and sometimes, almost tears, in order to make your "dream book" a reality. But it was worth it. Our only regret is that we did not have more time and energy to expend in behalf of the undertaking. We are indebted to each loyal supporter of Oakwood who helped to make this fiftieth anniversary edition a success.

God grant that the spirit of the pioneers, and of our Master Builder, enshrined forever in the hearts of every loyal son and daughter of Oakwood, may live on to bless all who seek for wisdom, strength, and guidance.

*The Oakwood Ministerial Association. They are praying and working for a greater ministry.*



# SEMINAR

The Ministerial Seminar of the Oakwood College is a review institution in its scope. Chiefly, its services take on the nature of a clearing house for problems incidental to the Advent Ministry. Special attention is given to the practices of the Ministerial internes and the Bible instructors. The organization sponsors a College Ministerial Association, A Bible Instructors Club, A Model Church, and serves as a body of counselors for student evangelistic campaigns.



Elder C. E. Moseley, Jr. adviser to the College Seminar.

*Bible Instructors Club. They are preparing for service in a needy field.*



# THE EPSILON SIGMA

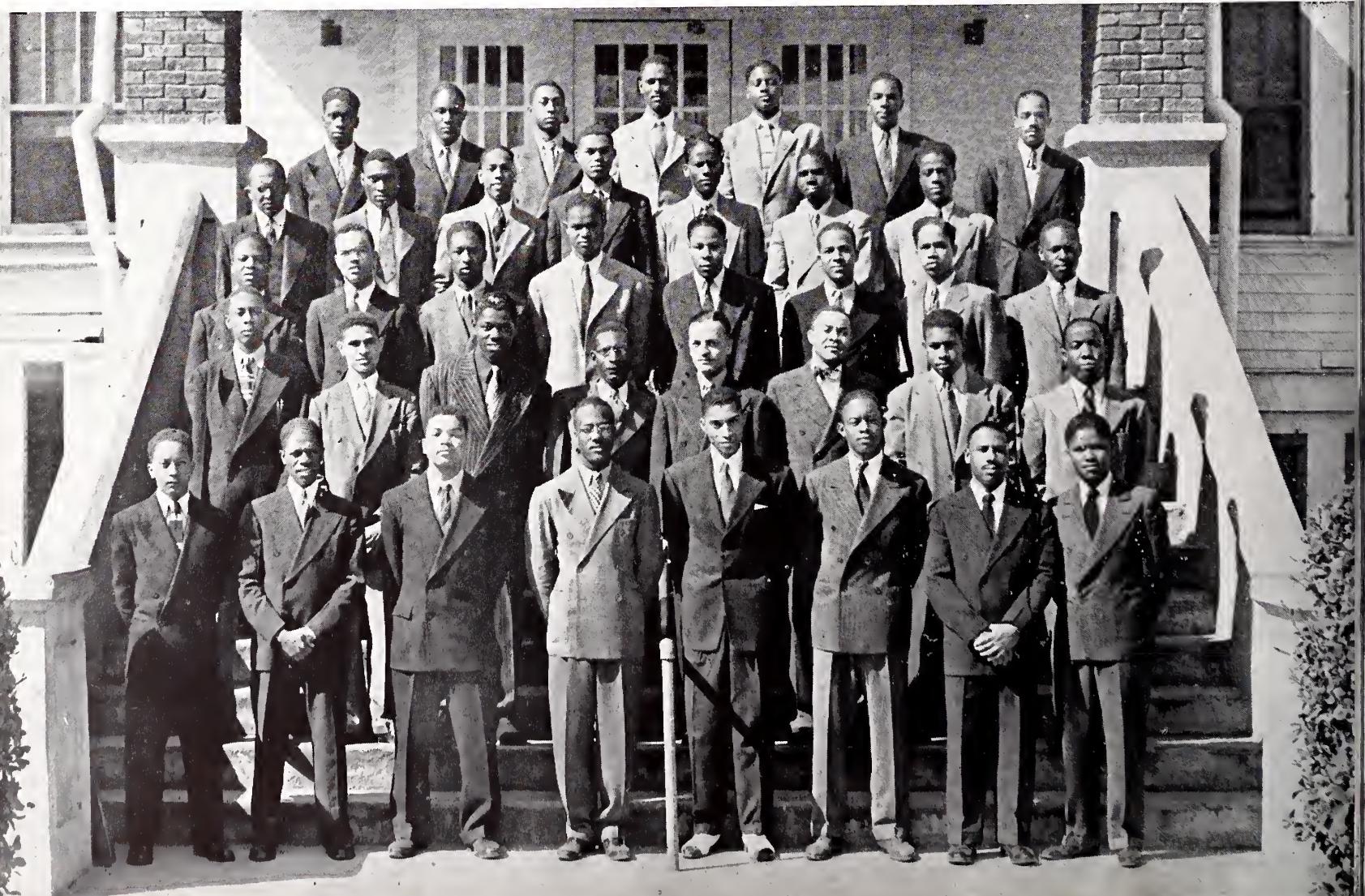


President, Lee A. Paschal

An outgrowth of the Young Men's Betterment Society and the Excelsior Society of former times, the Epsilon Sigma surges to the front as the official club for college men. Its aim is that of elevating the cultural, intellectual, and spiritual status of the young men of the college.

Since it was the only club for young men in the early history of the college, many graduates and former Oakwoodites have served under its banners.

Some of the recent noteworthy projects that have been promoted by the Epsilon Sigma are the college basketball court, double tennis courts, and skating rink. The funds for the construction of these recreational facilities have been provided through the diligence and industry of the Epsilon Sigma.



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# G A M M A   S I G M A

# K A P P A

A relatively young organization has taken its place among the organizations of our college. Using as its motto,

“Honor, Fidelity, and Courage”

the Gamma Sigma Kappas united their wits in sisterhood for good. It is their hope and determination to serve as a friend to all their fellowmen.

This club not only works with the other clubs in sponsoring worthy projects, but the girls also find time for recreation.



# 82 KAPPA GAMMA CHI



Dean of women, Francis E. Blake gives guidance and direction



Kappa Gamma Chi was organized to meet a two-fold purpose, first to provide for the social and gregarious tendencies of Oakwood's young women and secondly, to raise funds for the purchase of recreation material for use during their leisure moments.

Under the auspices of the Kappas, a Mother-daughter banquet is scheduled to highlight the social season. It will be held sometime in mid-May during Commencement and school-closing time.

Funds are being placed in the treasury toward the purchase of a mural, to be created by Oakwood talent and to decorate the wall of the lounge of the proposed girls' dormitory.

The officers are Miss Jessie Raymond, president; Miss Margaret Daniels, vice-president; Miss Ruth Daniels, secretary, Miss Ursula Hackley, treasurer; and Misses Jessie M. Godley and Zeola Germany, sergeants-at-arms. Dean Frances E. Blake (at right) is sponsor and faculty adviser for the group.



# ARTS AND CRAFTS GUILD



President, Turner Battle III, adds the finishing touches to a still life in oil.

Among the many crafts fostered by the Arts and Crafts Guild are carving, clay modeling, metal craft, leather craft, fabric decoration, and silk screen. Painting, lettering, and water color are a few of the allied arts encouraged.

Officers of the Guild are president, Turner Battle, III; secretary, Vivian Moody; treasurer, Nannie Benson; instructors Maurice Battle, Louis Offlee, Gwendolyn Jordan, and Turner Battle III. Adviser, Mrs. Gladys Fletcher.

Essential processes and techniques are employed in promoting creative ability and self-expression. Special care is taken to provide complete, step-by-step instruction so that exceptional results may be obtained even by those with no previous experience.



*The sheer, indescribable thrill of creative artistry heightens enjoyment of life at Oakwood for members of the Arts and Crafts Guild.*



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Building program at Oakwood College

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Early morning devotions, etc.  
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## THE EDITORIAL ACORN to Change Name ELEVEN YEARS CLIMAXES 1

Have you ever seen the photographic reproduction of a flower? If you have tasted the thrill of growth, perhaps you've never

gone through the same growth process that picture machine in the little flower, in the procedure is the same. Imagine that for quite

the little acorn just sits round as if nothing

Segment of Spreading Oak staff and clerical personnel. Seated (left to right) editor-in-chief, Samuel Bond, literary adviser, Dr. Eva B. Dykes, circulation manager, Garland P. Walker, business adviser, Prof. C. E. Galley.

## The Spreading Oak

The Spreading Oak is the grandchild of the Oakwood Bulletin that was founded in March 1914; it is the son of the Acorn which replaced the Bulletin in 1933. The Spreading Oak found its birth in January 1946.

The purpose of the early Bulletin was to prepare some information concerning the early graduates, so that friends and fellow-classmates may not lose track of them. This journal was published quarterly.

In the early days many of the students who entered the school were mature men and women who were very low in the grades. The younger students were almost beginners, and it took them years to master their primary work, and then other years to attain proficiency in the studies necessary to finish a course.

This experience of gathering a student company with elementary training only explains the reasons for so few graduates during the early years of Oakwood's history, and why the need for a regular school paper was not felt before the days of the Bulletin.

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Editorial Writer  
Managing Editor  
Associate Editors

Art Editor  
Staff Artist

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J. E. Dykes  
Lafayette Williams  
Gloria Saddler (College)  
Grace Fisher (Academic)  
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# Spreading Oak

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NO. II



Hard working circulation staff of Spreading Oak in action.

In 1933 the Acorn succeeded the Bulletin. The school was well developed as a junior college and many new developments were taking place within the student body. A new generation of students began to travel through the corridors; students who were younger and in many cases more advanced and better prepared for collegiate studies made up the constituency. Hence the Acorn was published monthly with the exceptions of July and September, and became known as "a journal of student activity."

For twelve years the Acorn served the junior college well as the medium to keep the alumni, onlookers, and the then-present student body bound together.

In 1944 the institution took another stride of growth and offered senior college work with degrees. The first senior college class graduated in May 1945. In harmony with the progress of the school, the student body voted to change the name of the college paper from the Acorn to the Spreading Oak. To express the aim or letting the Spreading Oak be an aid toward getting still better things for our alma mater, the slogan for the paper is "A Streak of Mighty Endeavor."

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## GANIZED SERVICEMEN

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Merrell Danley, Ella Stewart, Charles Bradford,  
Frances Walker, Franklin Hill, Virginia Green,  
Frances Henry, Rutherford King, Robert Carter,

James Parker, Isaac Washington

# SPANISH CLUB

## Club Espanola

Like a Latin community in an American pueblo, the Club Espanola adds its splendor to the glory of Oakwood. This courageous group of lovers of the Spanish language have banded themselves together for the purpose of nourishing their command of the rosiest language of the Americas. All Oakwood is observing with interest the life and growth of this striving body of Spanish speaking aspirants as it progressively unfolds itself under the prudent leadership of Lafayette Williams, president, Professor Rogers, vice-president, Mrs. Grace Williams, secretary, Louis C. Offlee, treasurer, and Miss Marrero, sponsor. The club desires that Spanish should live at Oakwood, too, as it lives in the beauty of Cervantes' masterpieces.



# OAKWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Representing the commercial endeavor of the student body, the Oakwood Chamber of Commerce prepares for service. This group of business scholars is rapidly approaching their threefold objective of active participation in the spiritual, educational, and social program of the institution. Under the leadership of Charlye Mae Porter, president; Ruby Jones, vice-president; Pauline Jones, secretary; Vivian Gardner, treasurer; and Vivian Moody, chairman of its Activities Committee, the club expects to become a reservoir for supplying the field with efficient office workers and representatives of the college in the world of business.



# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB

Past, present, and future relations of America with the rest of the world are the concern of the International Relations Club. This club is composed of students in the college history classes.

History is instrumental in strengthening the relations between nations through a better understanding of one another.

Under the leadership of their president, Charles Graham, the members are broadening their knowledge of and their interest in history.



# FUTURE TEACHERS of AMERICA



Miss Anna Knight, a pioneer in the field of education, is shown at the right, handing the charter of the Future Teachers of America to the president, Milton McAlister, as Miss Natelkka Burrell, head of the college Normal Department looks on.

This organization has the distinction of being the first chapter of the Future Teachers of America in the state of Alabama to receive its charter.

*"They that be teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament . . . "*



# JUNIOR MEDICS

This aspiring group of prospective medical men is known as the Junior Medics. Their sponsor is Dr. S. O. Cherry, the venerable school physician. Two more years will find these neophytes enrolled in an accredited medical school, preparing themselves for the task of ministering to the ills of a sick Post-War world.

The officers of this group are president, Louis Offlee; secretary, F. Douglass Chandler, treasurer, Addison Pinckney. Other members are Leroy Bookhart, John F. Bookhart, Donald Pinckney, Vertis Barnes, Matthew F. Kates, Turner Battle III, Arthur Hobby.



# COLPORTEUR CLUB

"Shuttles of a Great Loom!"



The group shown on this page is typical of the army of eager youth who return to Oakwood every fall with one or more scholarships, which they have earned in the can-vassing field.

Aside from providing them "missionary work of the highest order", this endeavor is definitely helping to prepare them for positions of leadership and responsibility. Officers of the Colporteur Club are president, Jessie Godley; vice-president, Robert Carter; secretary, Imogene Dozier; chaplain, Oliver Cheatham.

*"To me, the colporteur army is like the shuttles of a great loom, weaving the spirits of men together."*

—WOODROW WILSON



COLLEGE...



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# THE LANGUAGE OF HEAVEN

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In order to enhance appreciation for the better type of music and to enlarge the students' knowledge of the masters of music, President Peterson suggested the formation of the Oakwood College Oratorio Society. During the Christmas Season 1945-1946 the society under the direction of Dr. Eva B. Dykes, presented Handel's Messiah. It plans to give one or two performances annually and thereby foster a love of the best in music. Likewise, the Band, under the able direction of Elder C. E. Moseley plays a vital part in the musical life of the college.





*Editors of the College and Academic sections of the ACORN hold an editorial tete-a-tete.*

We visualized the thrill that many of the "old timers" would experience upon seeing their old friends and co-laborers of bygone days in print. We enlarged the scope of the fiftieth anniversary edition so that it virtually embraced the outline of a pictorial source book of Oakwood's past, present, and future development, in addition to the historical background of the work of Seventh-day Adventists among our racial group in North America.

*The entire Business Staff of the ACORN is doing a bit of "gold digging" in order to balance the budget.*



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**CAMPUSCADE**









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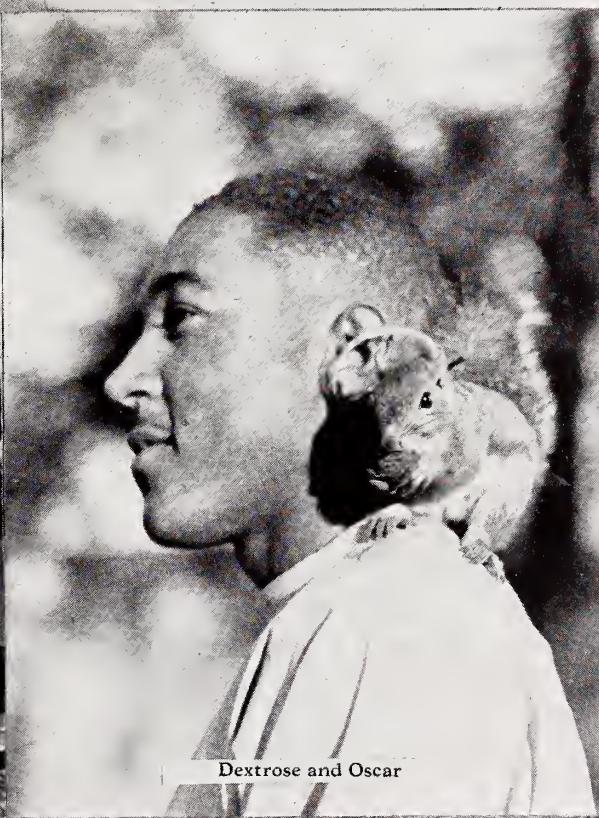
Don't be late!



The not-so-sunny South



You'll need sympathy!



Dextrose and Oscar



Take her!



Late for dinner



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Going my Way?



Coy Coeds



Going Places!



Rabble Rousers



Over there! Over there!



Marching along together



Under the mistletoe bough?



Do you mean it?

# A SALUTE TO OUR SERVICE MEN





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*Music, when soft voices die,  
Vibrates in the memory—;  
Odours, when sweet violets sicken,  
Live within the sense they quicken.*

—SHELLEY

# WORLD OF MUSIC



# OAKWOOD'S WORLD OF MUSIC

Among the things longest remembered and most dearly prized by those who know and love Oakwood is the sweet melody and soulful singing of the assembly and special groups. It has been said that any four male voices on the campus could blend in harmony to form a quartet.

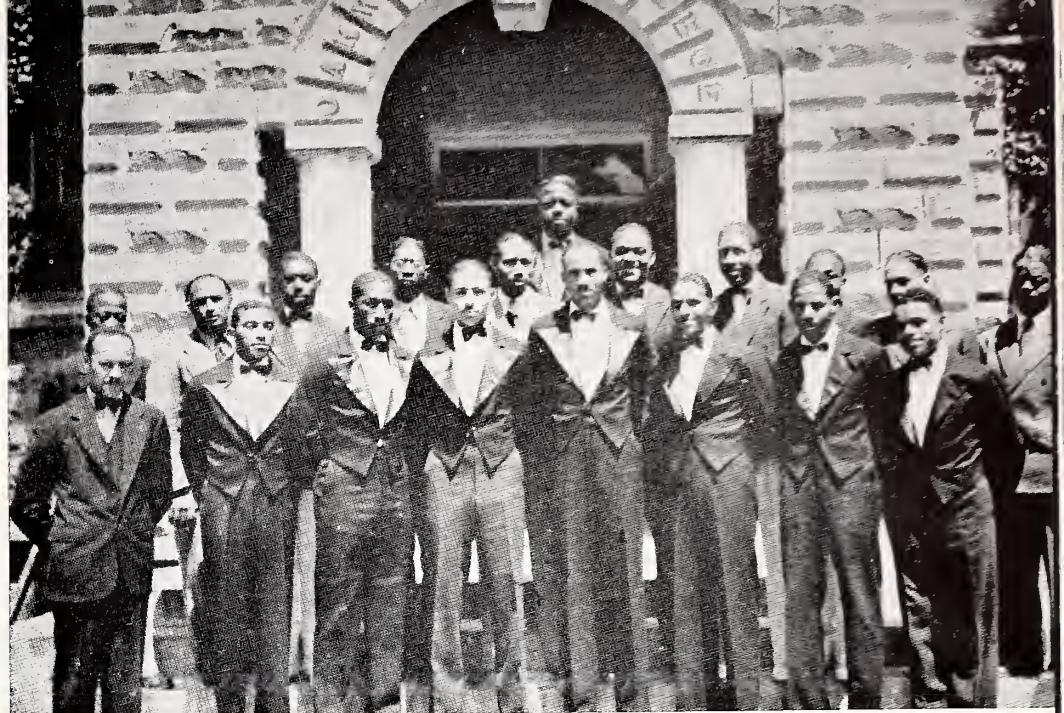
Elder C. E. Moseley writes the following concerning Oakwood's world of music: "The quartet above, organized in 1923 by Professor F. L. Peterson represents the first of a group of singers hailing from the college. This quartet toured the central west, the south, and points east in 1925. It was followed by other singers in succeeding years which sang in all principal cities of the country. The quartet, expanded into a Male Chorus under Professor Joseph Dent in 1931, became the Alabama Singers under Professor O. B. Edwards in 1935, and have since travelled under that name, being directed by O. A. Troy and C. E. Moseley Jr. successively. These singing organizations were a great inspiration wherever they appeared and brought no small material good to the college."



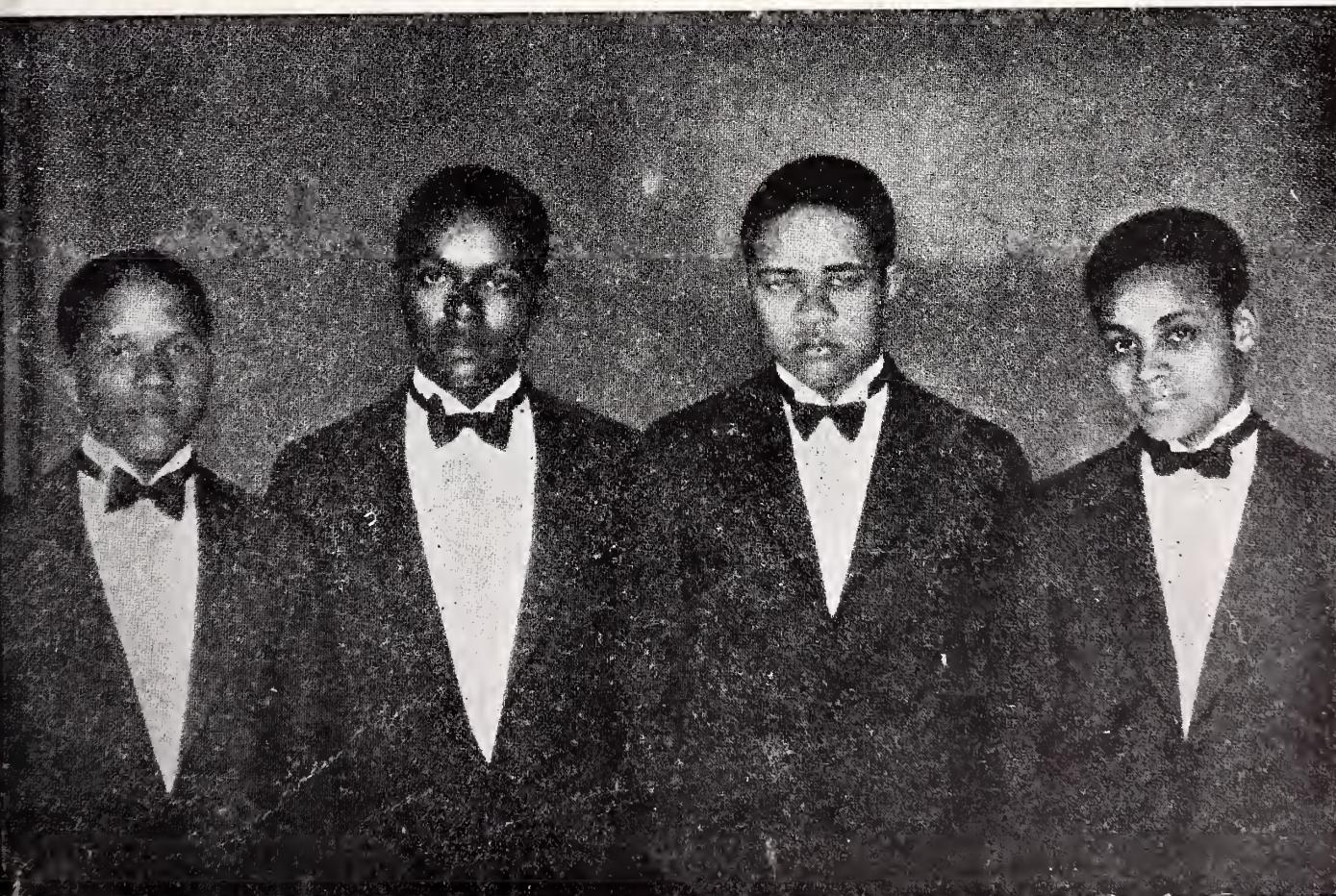
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The Alabama Singers under the direction  
of Owen A. Troy, pause from pouring forth  
their music in "tumultuous song" to 'res a lil  
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The singing groups that are pictured on this page are typical of the fine choral ensembles that have added their melodious harmonies to Oakwood's world of music. The beauty of the human voice, unsurpassed by any man-made instrument, is revealed in all of its glory whenever the sweet singers of Oakwood blend their voices together.



Time and place have borne many of the "old timers" far apart. Yet when circumstances throw them together in a casual situation and they are in a mood to "harmonize", the musical magic of their voices is still revealed by their close harmony.





Left to right: Lee Paschal, Charles Dudley, Lucius Daniels, Charles Graham



Concert Pianist, Hazel Harrison



Concert Violinist—Louia Von Jones



Voice Instructor, Harvey Huggans,  
and pupil, Marjorie Vincent

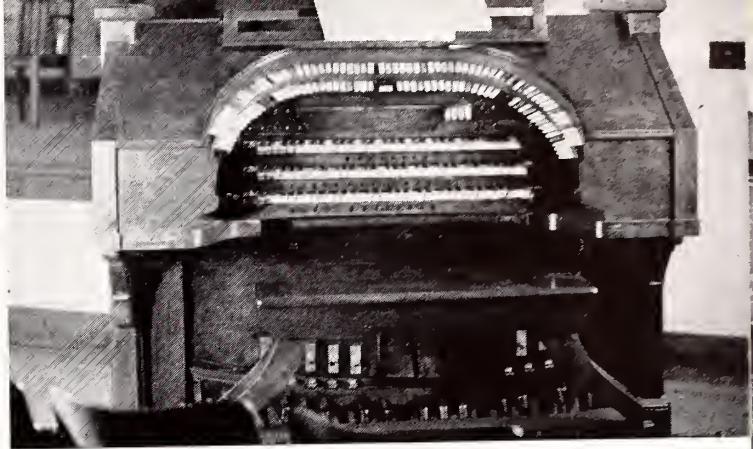


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**COME LET US WORSHIP**



# COME LET US WORSHIP



Clear tones of the Vesper bell float out across the peaceful landscape. The stillness of twilight broods over the lush, green slopes. The Sabbath calm steals softly over the hillsides, and all the cares of the week are gladly laid by.

Do we not remember Oakwood's unforgettable Vesper Services? The tensions of daily life are released, the strain and stress all banished, as we join in a heart-warming spiritual, or add our voices to the beloved and familiar old hymns. Indeed, we worship in spirit and truth.



Vesper hour is not the only unforgettable feature of worship and religious training we enjoy at Oakwood. Thought-provoking Seminar sessions, lively Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer services all combine to train present talent for future leadership.

The college carries on an aggressive program of soul-winning, under the pastorate of Elder C. E. Moseley, who is assisted by Elders F. L. Peterson, O. B. Edwards, E. E. Rogers, H. E. Richards, C. A. Gray, and L. E. Ford. Many students who make the great decision to follow the Master are baptized yearly.



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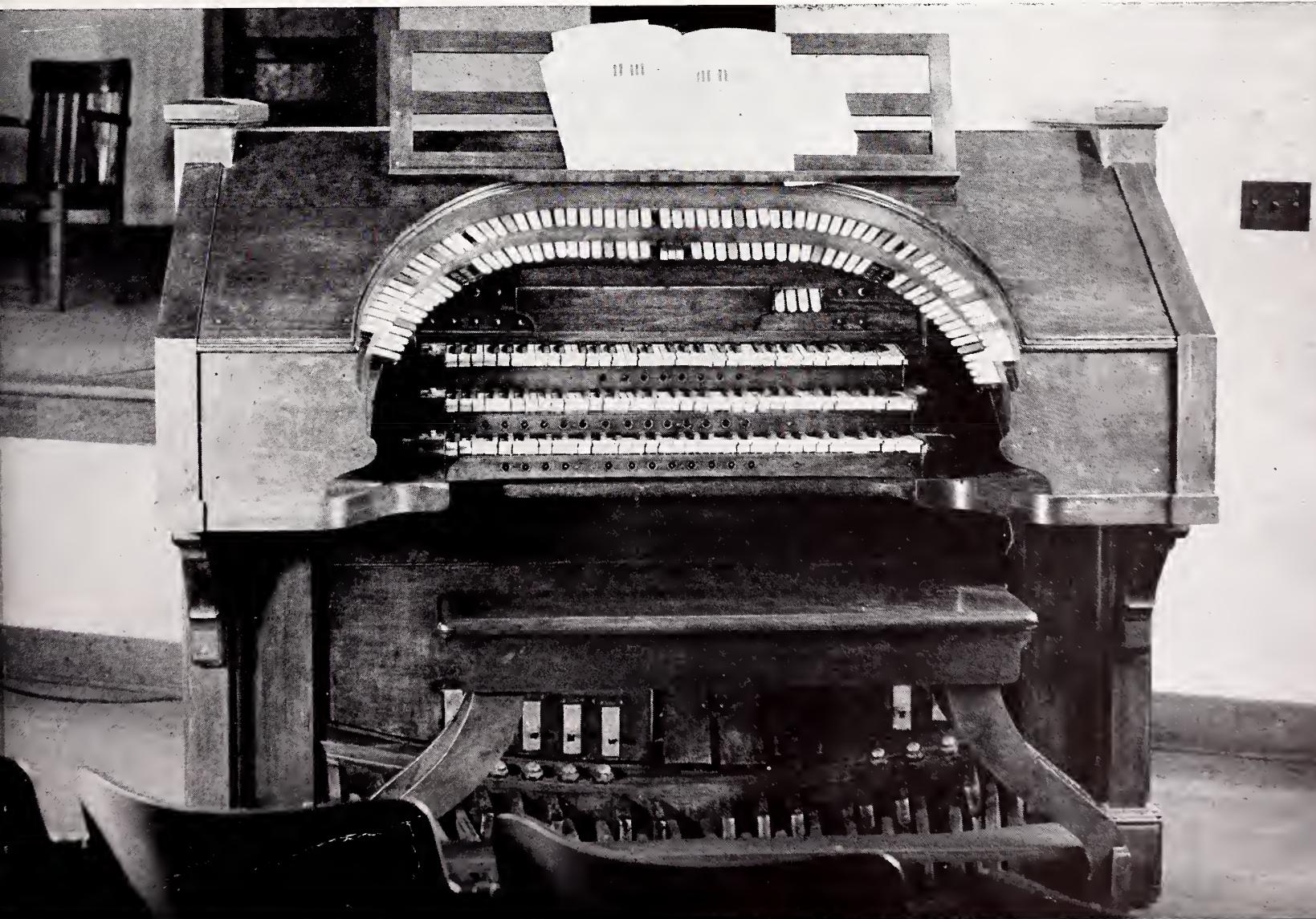
C. E. MOSELEY JR., President of Association

# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Alumi Association of Oakwood College was organized by the graduating class of 1926. O. B. Edwards, the association's first president, led the organization through its first thirteen years of successful operation. During that time the membership of the association grew from a scant dozen members to several hundred. Over the same period several worthy projects for the college were developed, among which are the following: Beautified assembly halls in the homes, gave room equipment for girl's home, laid walks about the campus, and contributed financially toward the new Administration Building.

The most recent gift of the association to the college is a three manual Kimball Pipe Organ, said to be one of the most excellent instruments of its kind in this area.

Among the illustrious in the association's membership are two union department secretaries, three conference presidents, one sanitarium manager, one sanitarium medical director, three foreign missionaries, one editor, numerous successful evangelists, pastors, teachers, and secretaries.



# ALUMNI IN ACTION



Missionaries to Liberia, Elder and Mrs. Dunbar Henri are shown on the panel above, visiting His Excellency, the Honorable William V. S. Tubman, President of Liberia, at his bungalow in Monrovia. President Tubman (center) smiles as he holds an armful of message-filled books, which were presented to him. Mrs. Henri, the president, and Mrs. Banks are shown. At the right are seen Professor and Mrs. Giddings, missionaries to Liberia.



A group of Missionaries in embryo comprise the membership of the Oakwood College Foreign Missions Band. As Oakwood's alumni swing into action, many more sons and daughters of the college will serve on foreign shores.

President Tubman entertains  
Elders Henri and Banks

Missionaries and their wives  
relax with the president

A part of Mrs. Henri's Sabbath School class



# SOUTH ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

ATLANTA, GEORGIA



HAROLD D. SINGLETON, *President*

“The Field of Larger  
Opportunity”

Florida

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South Carolina

70 Churches      18 Schools  
3,600 Members



LYSLE S. FOLLETTE, *Secretary-Treasurer*

*A group of Literature Evangelists*

Among the former Oakwood students who are ministers in the South Atlantic Conference are the following:

H. D. SINGLETON	MATTHEW GREEN
L. S. FOLLETTE	N. B. SMITH
W. M. STARKS	CARL M. BAILEY
W. G. MILLS	JOHN WISE
L. R. HASTINGS	OSCEOLA WHITE
J. E. COX JR.	PHILIP MORGAN
V. L. ROBERTS	H. J. FORDHAM JR.
EARL CLEVELAND	J. B. E. WILLIAMS



# SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE



H. R. MURPHY, President



Conference Headquarters



The South Central Conference is the conference in which Oakwood College is located. The president is an Oakwood College graduate, and Oakwood trained workers comprise most of the conference personnel. Since its recent organization, the conference has given abundant proof that it is well able to hold its own in the sisterhood of colored conferences. At the left is shown a group of conference workers who were in attendance at a Colporteur's Institute held in Birmingham, Alabama.

# SOUTHWESTERN UNION CONFERENCE

W. W. FORDHAM, *Union Secretary*



The Southwestern Union has re-organized for accelerated and progressive action. Directly below (from left to right) are the recently appointed colored Department Secretaries, W. S. Lee, Arkansas-Louisiana; A. R. Carethers, Texas; W. W. Fordham, Union; F. B. Slater, Oklahoma; L. Williams, Texico.

At the bottom are Southwestern Union workers in attendance at recent workers meeting, Dallas, Texas.



# 120 NORTHEASTERN



L. H. BLAND, *President*

L. R. Preston, Secretary, Publishing Department

M. Morrison, Assistant Secretary, Publishing Department

J. E. Roache, Secretary, Missionary Volunteer, Educational Departments.

## A Bird's Eye View of the Northeastern Conference

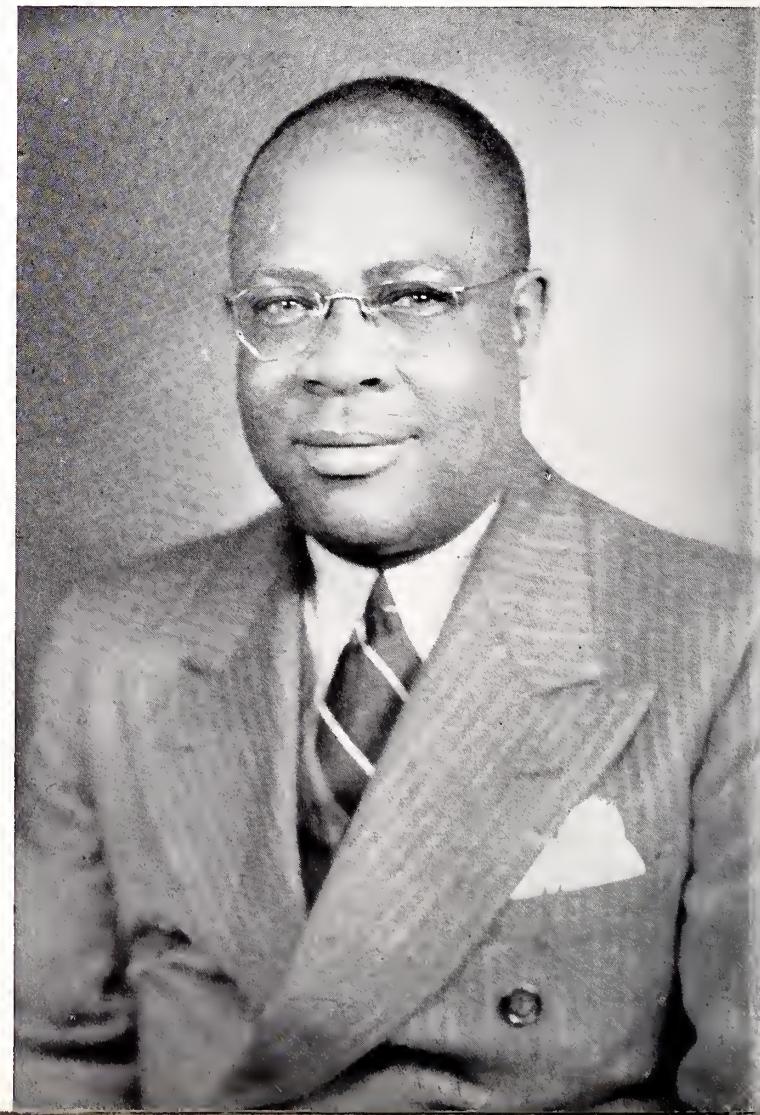
On October 4, 1945, the delegates, comprising the New England States and New York, or the territory of the Atlantic Union Conference, voted overwhelmingly to organize a conference now known as the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. After careful and prayerful deliberation, the following officers were selected:

L. H. Bland, President

L. O. Irons, Secretary-treasurer, Manager of Book & Bible House

J. J. North, Secretary, Home Missionary and Sabbath School Departments

*L. O. IRONS, Secretary-Treasurer*



# CONFERENCE

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Since the organization of this conference, the Lord has richly blessed the efforts of His people. A very lovely edifice of worship has been acquired in New York City costing more than one hundred thousand dollars. We now have two large churches in New York City, from which the warning message may be sounded to New York's teeming millions. Another church has been purchased for our believers in White Plains, New York.

The New Haven Church, under the leadership of Elder E. A. Lockett, was remodeled and dedicated free of debt recently. In Boston, Elder S. B. Huddleston and his group have set about to enlarge the church and have purchased adjoining property for a church school. Buffalo and Rochester, our remotest district from the conference office, have taken on the spirit of progress. Elder Thaddeus Wilson, pastor of the church, has plans made for the erection of a representative building to meet the needs of that area. The other two churches in New York are making steady progress.

*The Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church*

## Ephesus Seventh-Day Adventist Church

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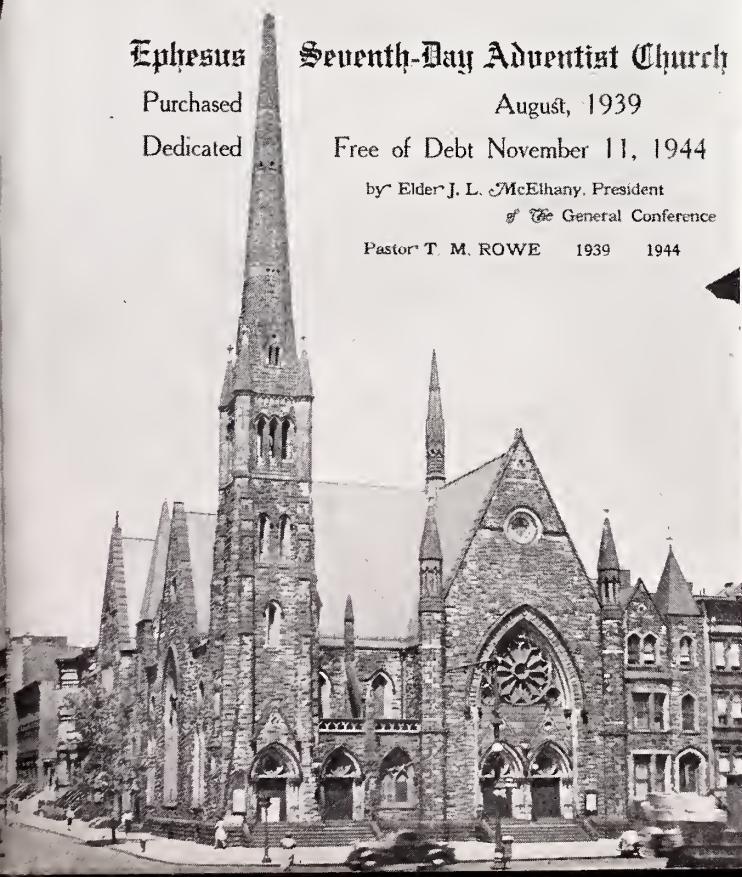
Dedicated

Free of Debt November 11, 1944

by Elder J. L. McElhaney, President

of The General Conference

Pastor T. M. ROWE 1939 1944



560 West 150th Street  
NEW YORK 31, N. Y.



A. E. WEBB, Pastor of the Ephesus Church, New York City

We have employed in our offices, besides our five departmental secretaries, five stenographers. During the past year, the members comprising the churches of the Northeastern Conference have turned into the conference \$140,000 in tithes and \$41,000 in offerings. The net gain in membership during the past year is equal to one-half of the net gain in membership of the whole Atlantic Union Conference. To God be the glory, great things He hath done. We can truly say, "We have nothing to fear except we forget the way in which the Lord has lead us."



# ALUMNI IN ACTION



LOUIS B. REYNOLDS, Editor. *The Message Magazine*.

Late in 1944 the Southern Publishing Association invited Elder Louis B. Reynolds to connect with that institution as editor of *The Message Magazine*. A graduate of Oakwood's class of '36, and a former editor of Oakwood's student publication, Elder Reynolds is the author of our first book in the crisis series, *The Dawn of a Brighter Day*.

Now in its twelfth year, *The Message Magazine* is one of the top-ranking journals in the field of missionary literature. Its circulation has reached beyond the United States to include other continents and the islands. Even in Alaska, quantities are sold each month to the native people.

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# LAKE REGION CONFERENCE

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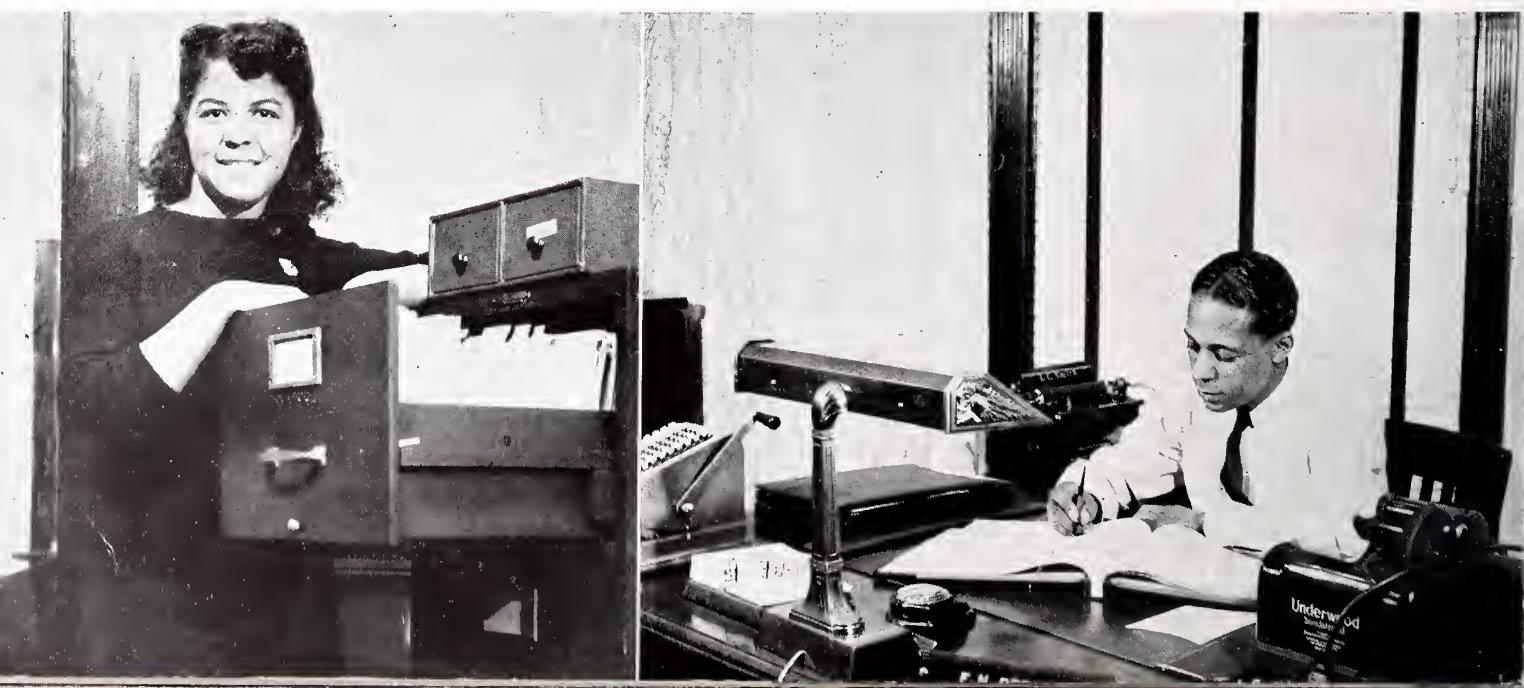


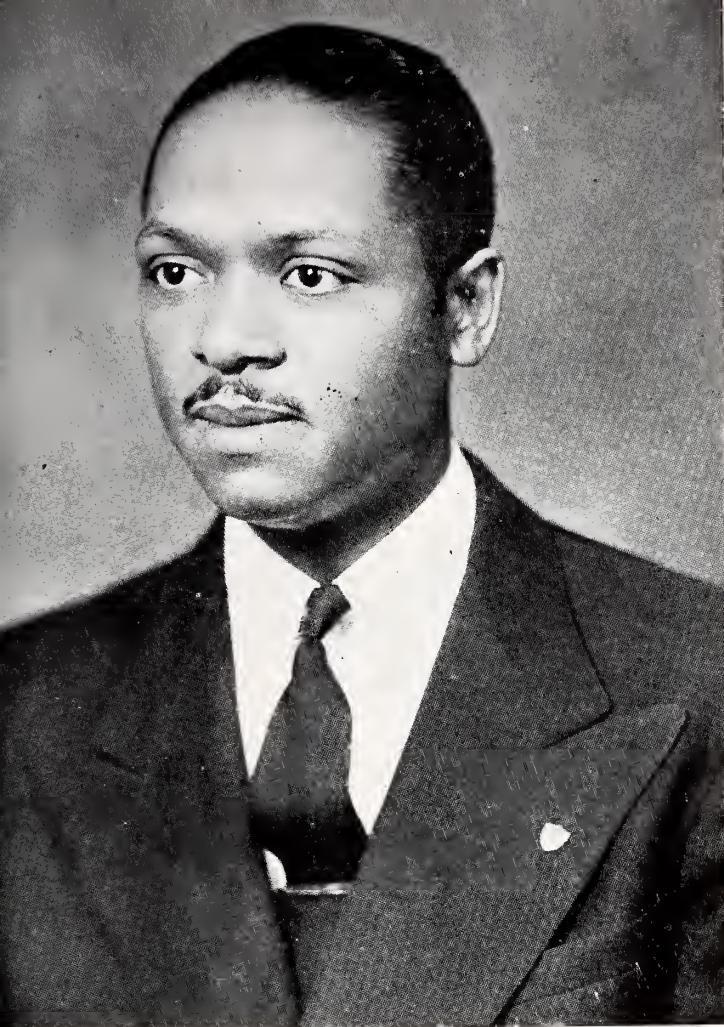
J. G. DASENT, *President*

Having the distinction of being a pioneer conference in that it was the first Colored Conference to be organized, The Lake Region Conference is now firmly established. During the period of its existence, rapid forward strides have been made in implementing all facilities and placing every phase of the work on a sound footing. The up-to-date offices at headquarters are symbolic of the order and efficiency that are characteristic of the leadership of the lake Region Conference throughout the field. Oakwood College supplied most of the workers in the office at headquarters, and the Alumni of Oakwood are serving with distinction in many places and positions.

ALLENE SPENCER, *Secretary to the President*

F. N. CROWE, *Secretary-Treasurer*





H. W. Kibble, Pastor of Shiloh S. D. A. church, Chicago, Illinois. Radio Evangelist of Station WAIT



Shiloh S. D. A. church, Chicago, Illinois



Shiloh Academy, Chicago, Illinois

The regular church and evangelistic program of the Shiloh Church is greatly implemented by Elder H. W. Kibble's  
radio broadcast over Station WAIT. Several Oakwoodites are members of the Radio Chorus.

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Walter J. Kisack, Superintendent of Education and Secretary  
of the YPMV Department

Mrs. Walter J. Kisack, Assistant to the Book and Bible  
House Manager



The Education work in the Lake Region Conference is a leading factor in its present and future progress. Shiloh Academy, in its new quarters, under Professor M. J. Harvey, is keeping pace with the best in secondary training. The Lake Region Conference's first Teacher's Institute was held in Chicago, January 6-8, 1946. Many Oakwoodites who are now in the teacher's ranks were in attendance.

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Cornelius Harris, Accountant of the Lake Region Conference, is a graduate of Oakwood. At one time he was Dean of Men and Instructor at his Alma Mater.



*Headquarters of the Lake Region Conference*



*Professor and Mrs. M. J. Harvey, Shiloh*



*CORNELIUS HARRIS, Accountant of Lake Region Conference*



*The Lake Region Conference's first Teacher's Institute held in Chicago, January 6-8, 1946.*

Young People's Choir and Radio Chorus of Shiloh S. D. A. Church, Robert McKenzie, director.

Elder H. W. Kibble, pastor and radio evangelist, Station WAIT





*A group of all Oakwoodites of the Detroit Hartford Avenue Church*

*R. F. Warnick, pastor of the Detroit Hartford Avenue church, and Evangelist of Station WJLB is shown with his radio chorus and personnel.*



# ALUMNI IN ACTION

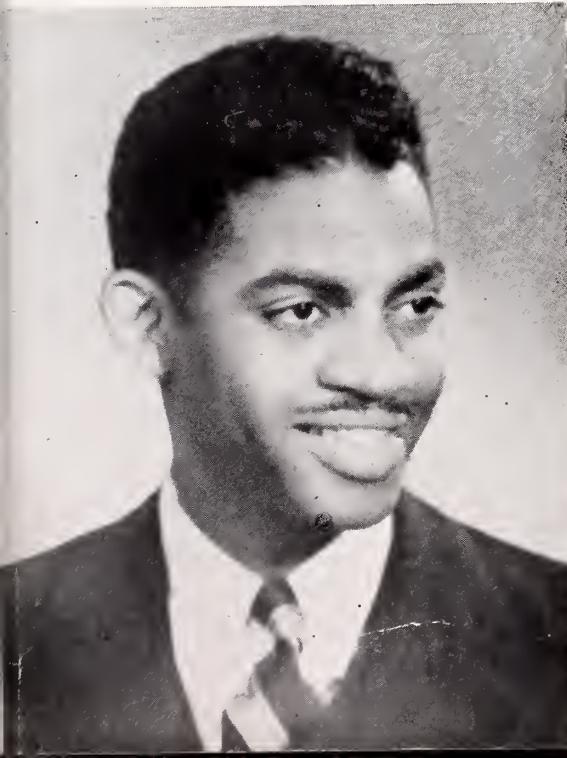
The number of Oakwood Alumni that are now actively and directly engaged in service for Christ has increased more during the last decade than in all previous years. Surely a quick work will the Lord do upon the earth

"and He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness." Every consecrated, red-blooded son and daughter of Oakwood is eager to complete the preparation necessary to have a part in such a work. On this page are pictured some who are now ambassadors for Christ.



James Mosley, '45, Pastor in East St. Louis, Illinois

Leon Davis, '43, Pastor in Marion, Indiana



S. D. A. Church, Marion, Indiana



Elder J. H. Lawrence, Cedar Avenue Church,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Veteran Pastor-evangelist J. H. Laurence is an Oakwood product of earlier years. In reply to our request for information concerning his work, he wrote the following:

"There were two other foreigners in attendance at Oakwood at the same time as I. They were Flavius Smith of Bay Island, who was first to arrive, and William Connolly of Grand Command. I was second to arrive and first to make application from St. Christopher.

"Since leaving Oakwood my work has been confined to the Ministry. I have built, bought or paid for twenty churches, pastoring from the deep South to the middle West and East. At present I am located at Cleveland, Ohio, where we have just finished liquidating an enormous church debt. I am unable to state definitely the number I have baptized, an estimate of about two thousand would perhaps be near the total. I am grateful to God for the part I have had in proclaiming the last message to the world. I look forward to continued work until He shall tell me my work is done."

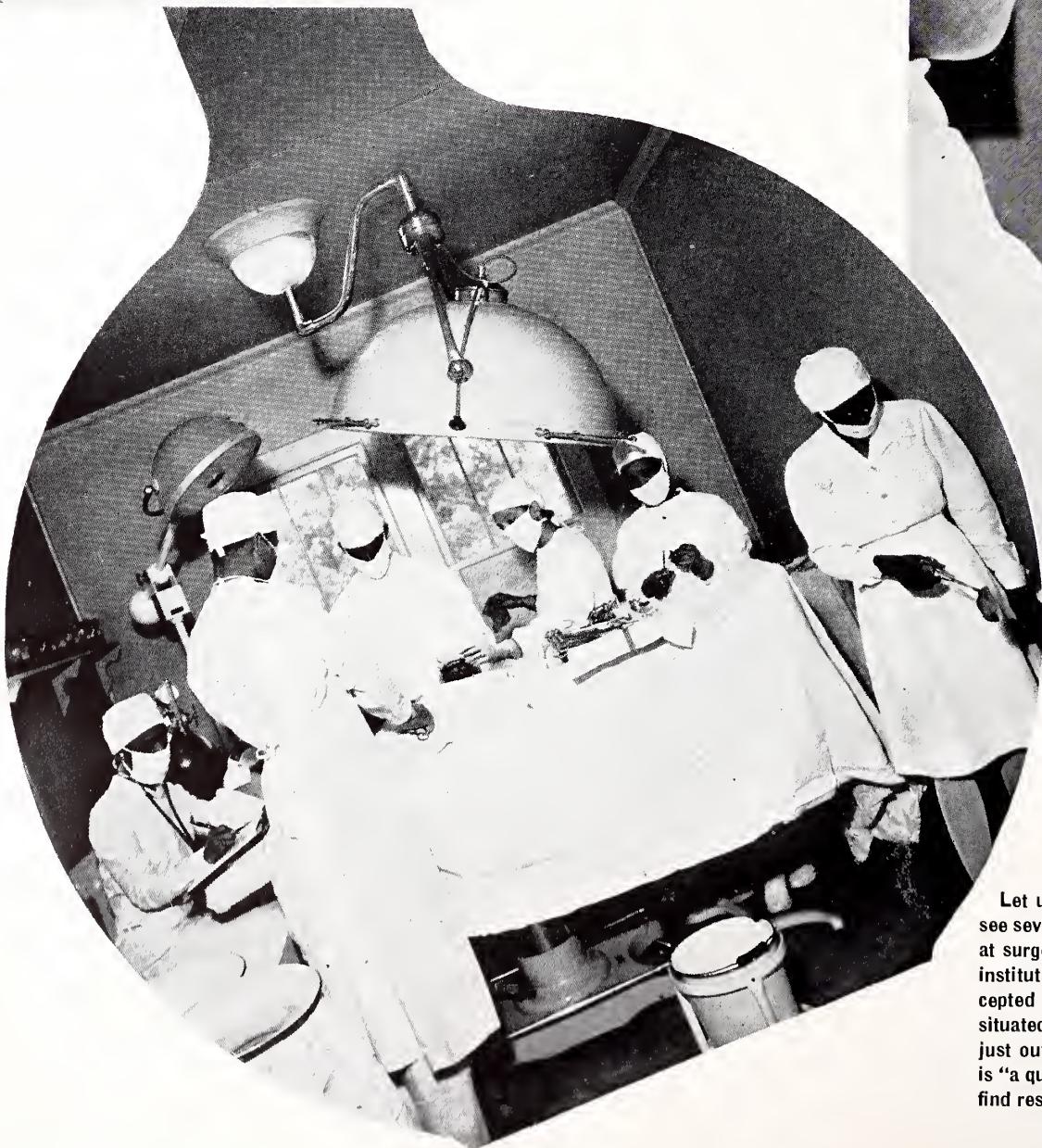
# Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital



Dr. J. Mark Cox, A.B., M.D., D.N.B., an alumnus of Oakwood College (class of '35), is Medical Director of Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital. He is also head of the Department of Physiotherapy, and instructor of Surgery at the Meharry Medical College.



Dr. Ray Lewis, B.A., M.D., D.N.B., a physician, examines a patient. He is a graduate of the Loma Linda College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, California.



Let us peek into the operating room. Here we see several sons and daughters of Oakwood College at surgery. The hospital is a medical and surgical institution employing all the curative agents accepted by rational medical practice. Beautifully situated on the banks of the Cumberland River, just outside of Nashville, Tennessee, "Riverside" is "a quiet retreat where the sick and suffering can find rest and health."

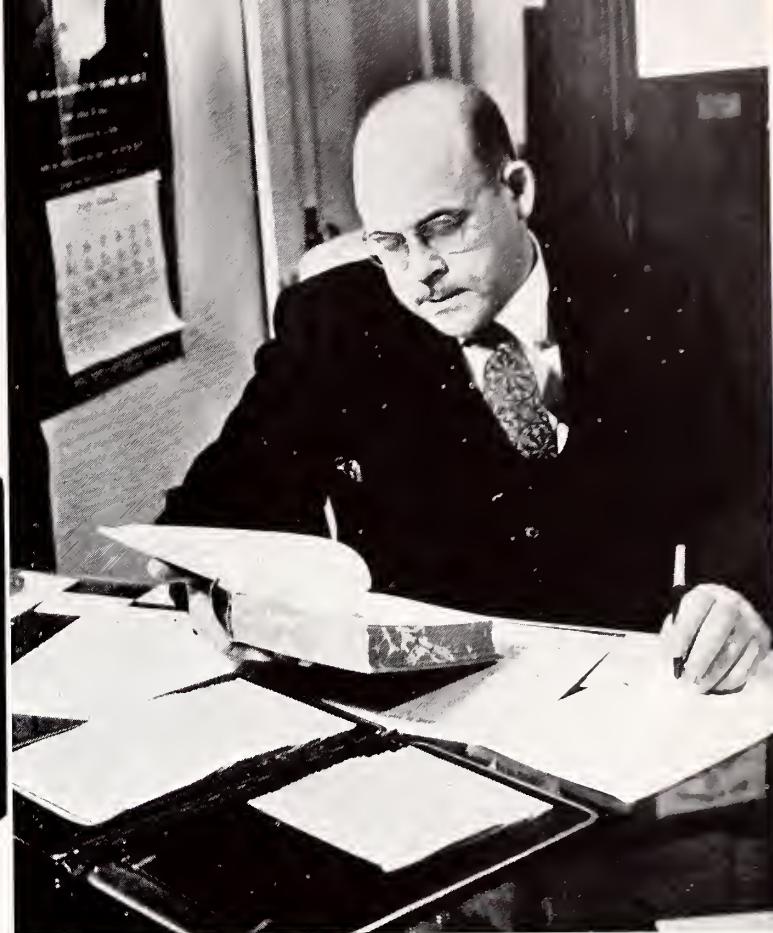
# Riverside Methodist Hospital



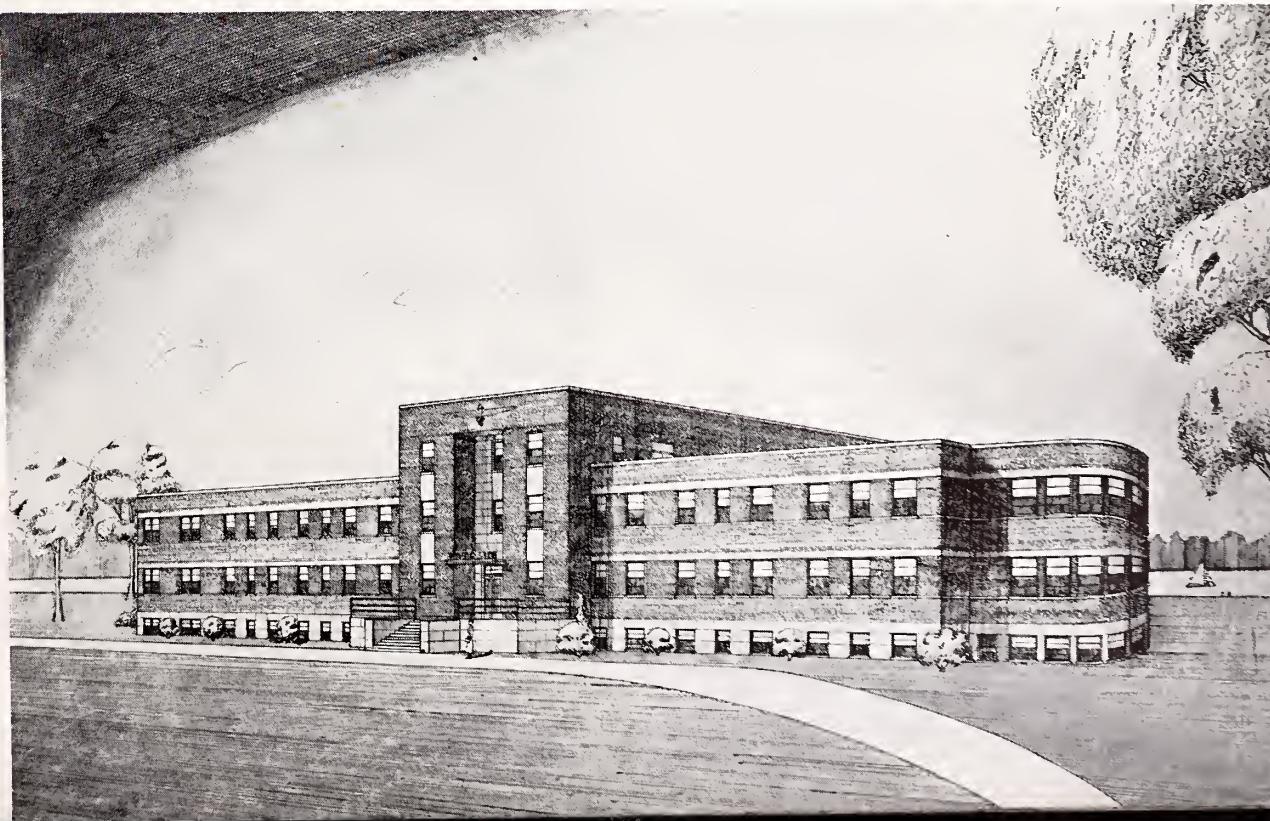
At her desk is seen Ruth N. Frazier, B.A., M.A., R.N., Superintendent of nurses at the hospital. She is an Oakwood graduate (class of '27).



Marvene Constance Jones, B.S., is Dietitian, an Oakwoodite and a graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology.



The friendly business manager of Riverside, Elder H. D. Dobbins. He and his wife, the Mrs. Jennie Stratton Dobbins (class of '22) are former faculty members of Oakwood College.



**EXPANSION AND PROGRESS** at the hospital are evidenced by the new main unit, which is now under construction. The architect's drawing is shown at the right.



*The Capitol Avenue S. D. A. Church, Indianapolis, Indiana*



*Elder and Mrs. J. W. Allison Jr.*

Elder and Mrs. J. W. Allison Jr. are graduates of Oakwood. He is now one of the district leaders of the Lake Region Conference and evangelist in charge of Capitol Avenue S. D. A. Church, Indianapolis, Indiana.

*Leaders of the Capitol Avenue S. D. A. Church*



# ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE

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J. H. WAGNER, President



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J. L. MORAN, Secretary-Treasurer

The Allegheny Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is surging forward toward new horizons of progress in many lines. Plans for the operation of an institution of learning on the secondary school and eventually the college level are rapidly taking shape.

A list of Allegheny Conference workers reads almost like a roster of Oakwoodites. Facts, figures, and personnel are listed below.

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Number of Churches	42
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Offering to Missions	\$ 84,226 42
Offering Home and Local Churches	\$ 63,376 33
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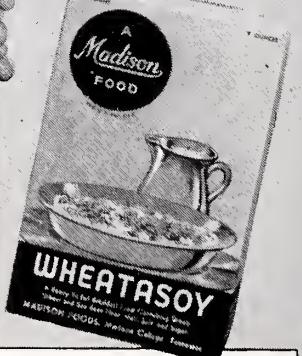


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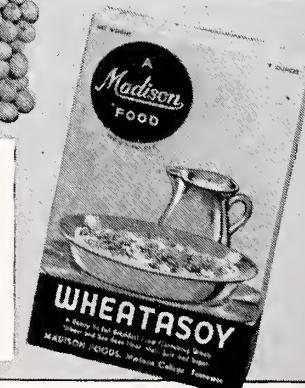
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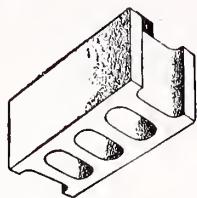
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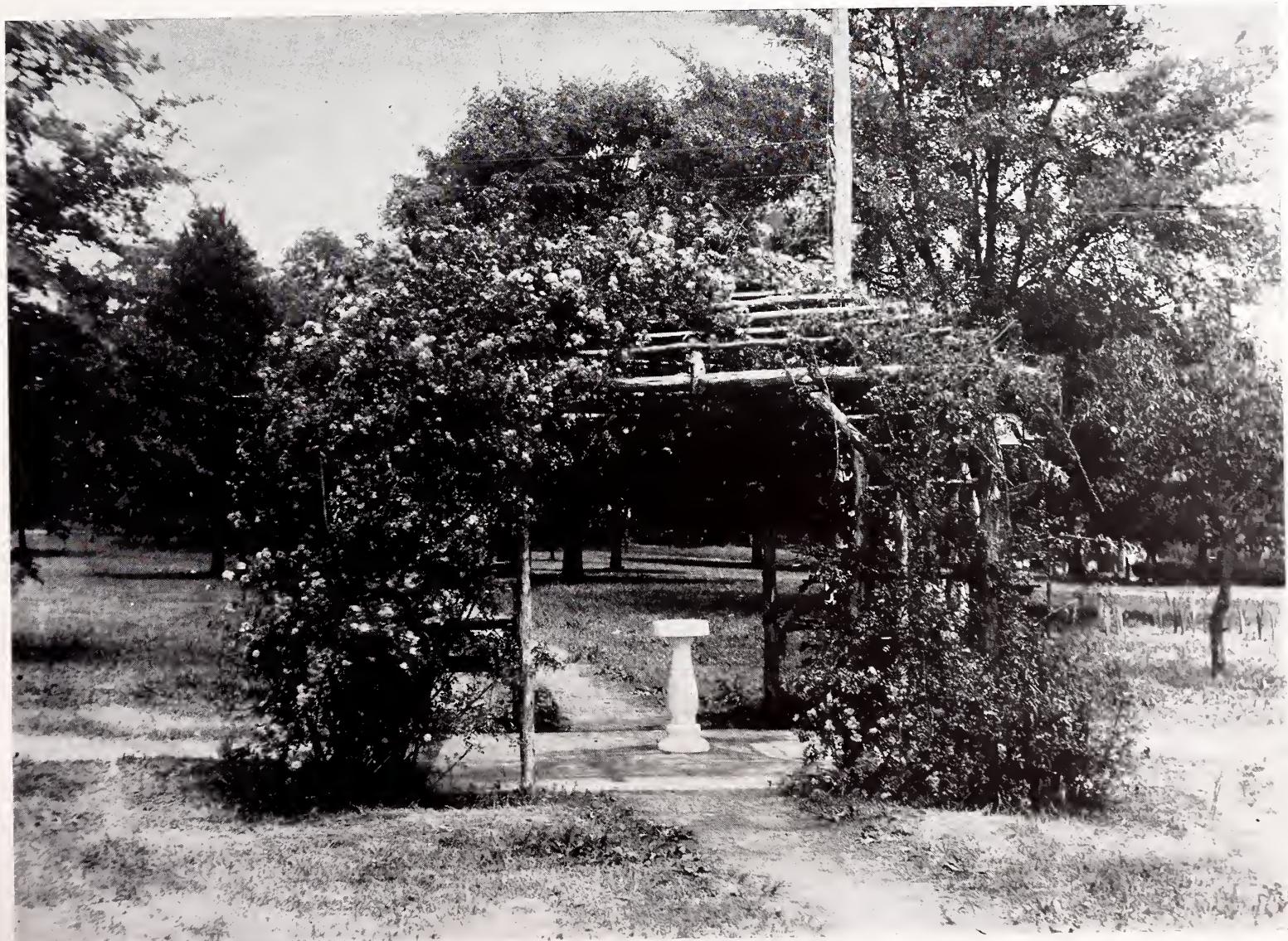
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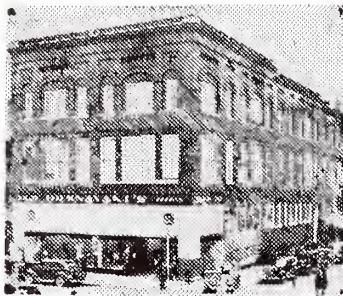
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## Our Principal Speaks

It is quite generally agreed today that education is a matter of an individual's preparation to live and to make a living. If the training is vocational in nature, it includes those experiences whereby the individual learns to carry on any gainful occupation successfully. The definition for education which best fits the aims and objectives of Oakwood Academy is found in the book *Education* by Mrs. E. G. White, which defines it as "the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers" that "prepares the student for the joy of service in this world to come". With this definition in mind, the purpose of the instruction given in the Academy is to lure and to guide our young people in their thinking and doing, to the end that life may be continuous growth toward perfection in the service of the Master.

R. L. REYNOLDS, *Principal*



EDNA LETT, B. A., Instructor in French and English

MARGARET JOHNSON, B. A., Instructor in Spanish and English

## FACULTY

The heart of any school is its faculty; and here at Oakwood Academy there is truly a heart that is alive and vibrant.

Day by day it seeks to impart to the students knowledge that will fit them "for the joy of service in this world, and for the greater joy and higher service in the world to come".

For there is no work higher than the work of teaching. In their students the teachers see the lives they might have lived developing, and this is the joy of teaching—the greatest joy in the world.



LOUISE E. DAVIS, B. A., Instructor in History

GLADYS L. FLETCHER, M. A., Instructor in Old Testament History



# SENIORS



A. LEROY BOOKHART "Baron"

Ambition—Doctor

Activities:

President of Senior Class  
A Cappella Choir  
College Band  
Academic Legislature  
Excelsior Society

MOTTO: Soaring higher.

AIM: To shine as stars in the firmament of service.



FRANCES O. HARRIS "Kitten"

Ambition—Stenographer

Activities:

Secretary of Senior Class  
Secretary Academic Legislature  
Secretary Academy Girls' Club

SYLVESTER T. ALLEN "Skeeter"

Ambition—Educational Director

Activities:

Treasurer of Senior Class  
Excelsior Society



OLIVER E. CHEATHAM  
"Cheet"

Ambition—Minister

Activities:

Chaplain of Senior Class  
Chaplain Colporteur Club  
Ministerial Seminar  
Foreign Missions Band  
Asst. Advertising Manager of Annual  
Excelsior Society  
M. V. Usher  
Oakwood Ministerial Association



# SENIORS

COLORS: Maroon and White.

FLOWER: Rose.

BENITO C. HODGE "Benny"

Ambition—Doctor

Activities:

Sgt.-at-Arms Senior Class  
Excelsior Society  
A Cappella Choir



O. RAPHAEL DORAM  
"Big Two"

Ambition—Doctor

Activities:

Asst. Treasurer of Senior Class  
A Cappella Choir  
Academic Legislature  
Excelsior Society



BONNIE W. LOVE "Bunny"

Ambition—Home Ec. Teacher

Activities:

Asst. Secretary Senior Class  
Vice Pres. Academy Girls' Club  
Sabbath School Sec.  
Foreign Missionary Band  
Academic Legislature  
Bible Seminar



ROBERT H. CARTER "Bob"

Ambition—Minister

Activities:

Vice Pres. Senior Class  
Vice Pres. Excelsior Society  
Vice Pres. Colporteur Club  
Pres. Honor Society  
Asso. Supt. of Sabbath School  
Academic Legislature  
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Ambition—Musician

Activities:

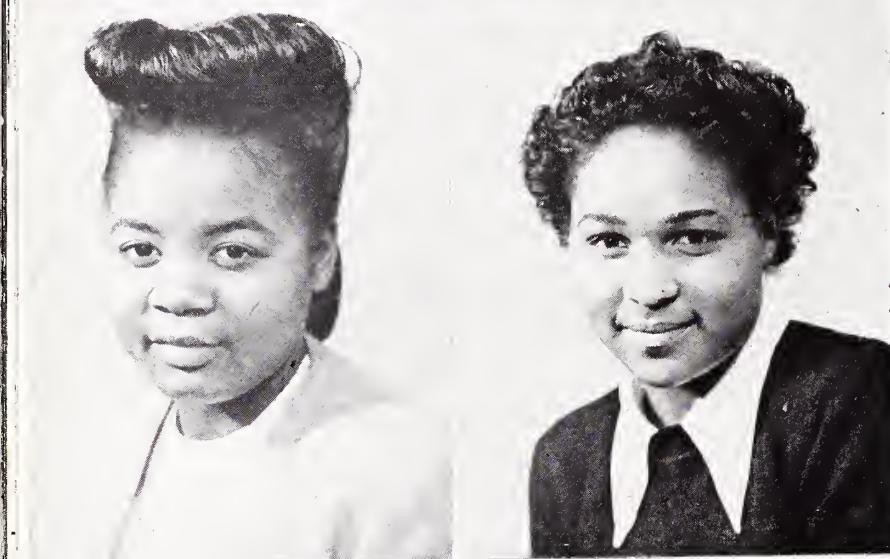
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Asst. Sabbath School Pianist

J. LUCILLE AKERS "Lou"

Ambition—Teacher

Activities:

Academic Girls' Club



CLEOPATRA L. BARNES  
"Chubby"

Ambition—Nurse

Activities:

Academy Girls Club  
A Cappella Choir  
Spanish Club

THELMA A. BAYLOR "Shorty"

Ambition—Stenographer

Activities:

Academy Girls' Club  
M. V. Choir



NANNIE F. BENSON  
"Nanny Goat"

Ambition—Nurse

Activities:

Academy Girls Club  
Academic Legislature  
Arts and Crafts Guild—Sec.  
Colporteur Club  
M. V. Usher

LOIS BOOKHART "Peaches"

Ambition—Doctor

Activities:

Academic Legislature  
Academy Girls' Club  
Sgt.-at-Arms Honor Society



ALYCE D. BOWDEN "Bootsie"

Ambition—Nurse

Activities:

Bible Seminar  
A Cappella Choir  
Academy Girls Club  
Academic Legislature

DOROTHY E. CARTWRIGHT  
"Dott"

Ambition—Pharmacist

Activities:

Commercial Club  
Academy Girls' Club  
Spanish Club

MARY Cartwright "Mae"

Ambition—Nurse

Activities:

Academy Girls' Club

JAMES E. CALLOWAY "Cal"

Ambition—Singing Evangelist

Activities:

Treasurer Excelsior Society  
A Cappella Choir  
Spanish Club



EMERSON A. COOPER  
"Panama"

Ambition—Chemist

Activities:

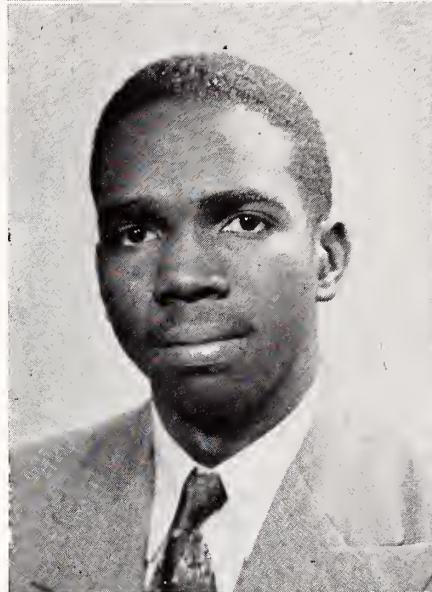
Pres. Science Club  
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Ass. Business Manager of Annual

WILHELMINA CANTRELL  
"Mina"

Ambition—Doctor

Activities:

Academy Girls' Club  
Foreign Missionary Band



LOVEY R. DAVIS "Love"

Ambition—Stenographer

Activities:

Academy Girls' Club  
M. V. Choir

JAMES MC. DARBY "Huss"

Ambition—Agriculturalist

Activities:

Excelsior Society



JOSE A. GONZALEZ "Tony"

Ambition—Business Man

Activities:

International Relations Club  
Excelsior Society  
Arts and Crafts Guild  
Spanish Club—Reporter

ARMANDA L. FARRINGTON  
"Mandy Lou"

Ambition—Nurse

Activities:

Academy Girls' Club





ELAINE GILLIS "Happy"

Ambition—Nurse

Activities:

Academy Girls' Club  
Academic Legislature  
Foreign Missionary Band  
Arts and Crafts Guild  
M. V. Choir

WILLIAM C. GRANT  
"Dagwood"

Ambition—Doctor

Activities:  
Excelsior Society



JOHN HUNTER "Nimrod"

Ambition—Minister

Activities:

College Band  
Oakwood Ministerial Asso.  
Ministerial Seminar  
Excelsior Society

MYRTLE L. HAYES "Myrt"

Ambition—Nurse

Activities:

Academy Girls' Club  
Spanish Club



HELEN JEAN HALEY "Dimples"

Ambition—Nurse

Activities:

Academy Girls' Club  
Public Speaking Club

CLEOPATRA HERBERT "Cleo"

Ambition—Nurse

Activities:

Academy Girls' Club



MILTON JOHNSON "Nick"

Ambition—Educator

Activities:

Excelsior Society

HAZEL N. JOHNSON "Bonie"

Ambition—Nurse

Activities:

Academy Girls' Club

DOROTHY JOHNSON "Smiles"

Ambition—Stenographer

Activities:

M. V. Choir  
Academy Girls' Club

EVELYN JOHNSON "Lolly Pop"

Ambition—Teacher of Dietetics

Activities:

Academy Girls' Club



PURNELL LEWIS "Purn"

Ambition—Doctor

Activities:

Excelsior Society  
College Band  
Jr. Medics Club

LEATRICE JONES "Lea Baby"

Ambition—Nurse

Activities:

Academic Legislature  
Treas. Academy Girls' Club  
Staff Artist of Spreading Oak  
Art Editor of Annual (Academic)  
Arts and Crafts Guild



EDNA JAMES "Ed"

Ambition—Nurse

Activities:

Academy Girls' Club

JUANITA M. MITCHELL  
"Nita"

Ambition—Teacher

Activities:

Bible Seminar  
Academy Girls' Club



HELEN I. MILLER

Ambition—Teacher

Activities:

Bible Seminar  
Academy Girls' Club  
Sec. Honor Society

BESSIE L. LEE "Fludent"

Ambition—Teacher

Activities:

President Academy Girls' Club  
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Activities:

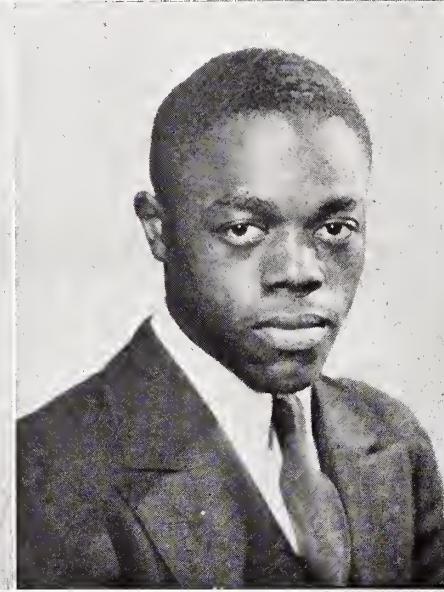
Asst. Sec. Foreign Missionary  
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Deaconess

JERU E. MILLER "Jew Jew"

Ambition—Teacher

Activities:

Academy Girls' Club  
M. V. Choir



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Ambition—Librarian

Activities:

M. V. Choir  
Academy Girls' Club

EDDIE H. MURPHY "Ed"

Ambition—Accountant

Activities:

Commercial Club  
Excelsior Society



IDA B. MURRAY "Ib"

Ambition—Teacher

Activities:

Colporteur Club  
Academy Girls' Club

CORNELIA L. NORTH  
"Cornie"

Ambition—Nurse

Activities:  
Academy Girls' Club



ANNE E. PALMER "Bashful"

Ambition—Teacher

Activities:

Academy Girls' Club

LUTHER R. PALMER "Bobby"

Ambition—Doctor

Activities:  
French Club  
Excelsior Society

MARY J. PALMER "Mae"

Ambition—Educator

Activities:

Academic Girls' Club  
M. V. Choir  
Spanish Club

MILICENT A. REID  
"Sandy"

Ambition—Teacher

Activities:

Academy Girls' Club



JUANITA E. ROBERTS "Daisy"

Ambition—Nurse

Activities:

Academy Girls' Club  
Spanish Club  
Public Speaking Club  
M. V. Choir

ANGELA STEWART "Angel"

Ambition—Major in Math.

Activities:

Academic Legislature  
M. V. Secretary  
M. V. Librarian  
Academy Girls' Club



MADELINE SIMMONS  
"Dimples"

Ambition—Stenographer

Activities:

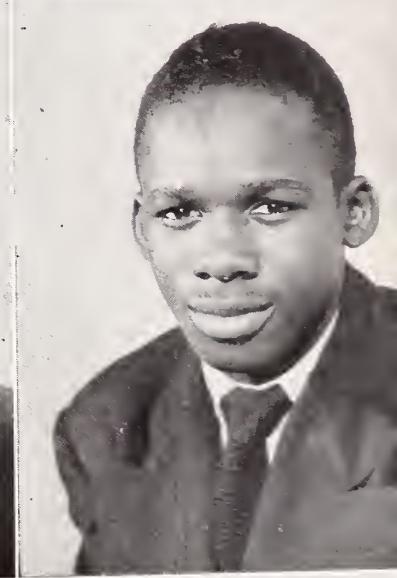
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Commercial Club

LEROY TAYLOR "Butch"

Ambition—Doctor

Activities:

Excelsior Society



DANIEL WASHINGTON  
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Ambition—Doctor

Activities:

Science Club  
Excelsior Society

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Ambition—Teacher

Activities:

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Arts and Crafts Guild

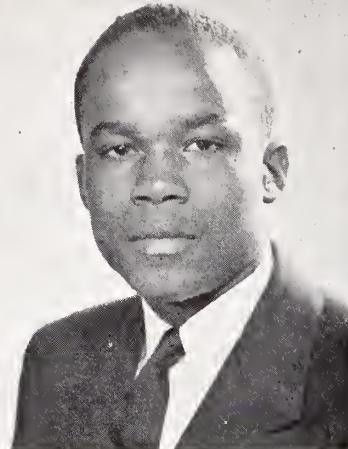




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"Millie"

Ambition—Nurse

Activities:  
Academy Girls Club  
Y. P. M. V. S. Usher



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Ambition—Minister

Activities:

Ministerial Seminar  
Colporteur Club  
Foreign Missions Band  
Oakwood Ministerial Asso.  
Vice-Pres. of Academic Legislature  
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Excelsior Society  
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ERSULA L. HACKLEY "Ers"

Ambition—Teacher

Activities:

College Girls Club  
Foreign Missions Band  
Colporteurs Club  
A Capella Choir

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All Honor Roll students on the Academic level are eligible to join this organization of diligent and intellectually gifted students. The purpose of its bi-monthly meetings is to promote the upbuilding of scholarship in the Academy.



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In the past there have been many and varied types of democratic governments in the world; and many more types of self government among the institutions of higher learning in America. Many had faults, but all had virtues. In organizing the Academic Legislature an attempt was made to combine all the virtues and leave out all the faults. The result is a body nearly perfect in function, design, and purpose. It has endeavored to upbuild the Academy, scholastically, culturally, and spiritually until it reaches the mark set for it by God. And truly it has shown that democracy—tried and tested—can be maintained by students; for is this body not democracy in its infancy? Is this not democracy in action!

CHARLES SEARD  
President



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Secretary



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## THE JUNIORS

Oakwood Academy without this group of energetic Juniors would be like a battalion without a supply column.

## SENIOR FORMAL

Gala event of the Academic school year and destined to linger in the memory was the formal banquet given by the Seniors in honor of their worthy underclassmen. Members of all classes thronged the Recreation Hall on that festive evening.

The echo of friendly conversation and laughter dies upon the air; but in years to come many will cherish this as a night to remember.





## EXCELSIOR SOCIETY

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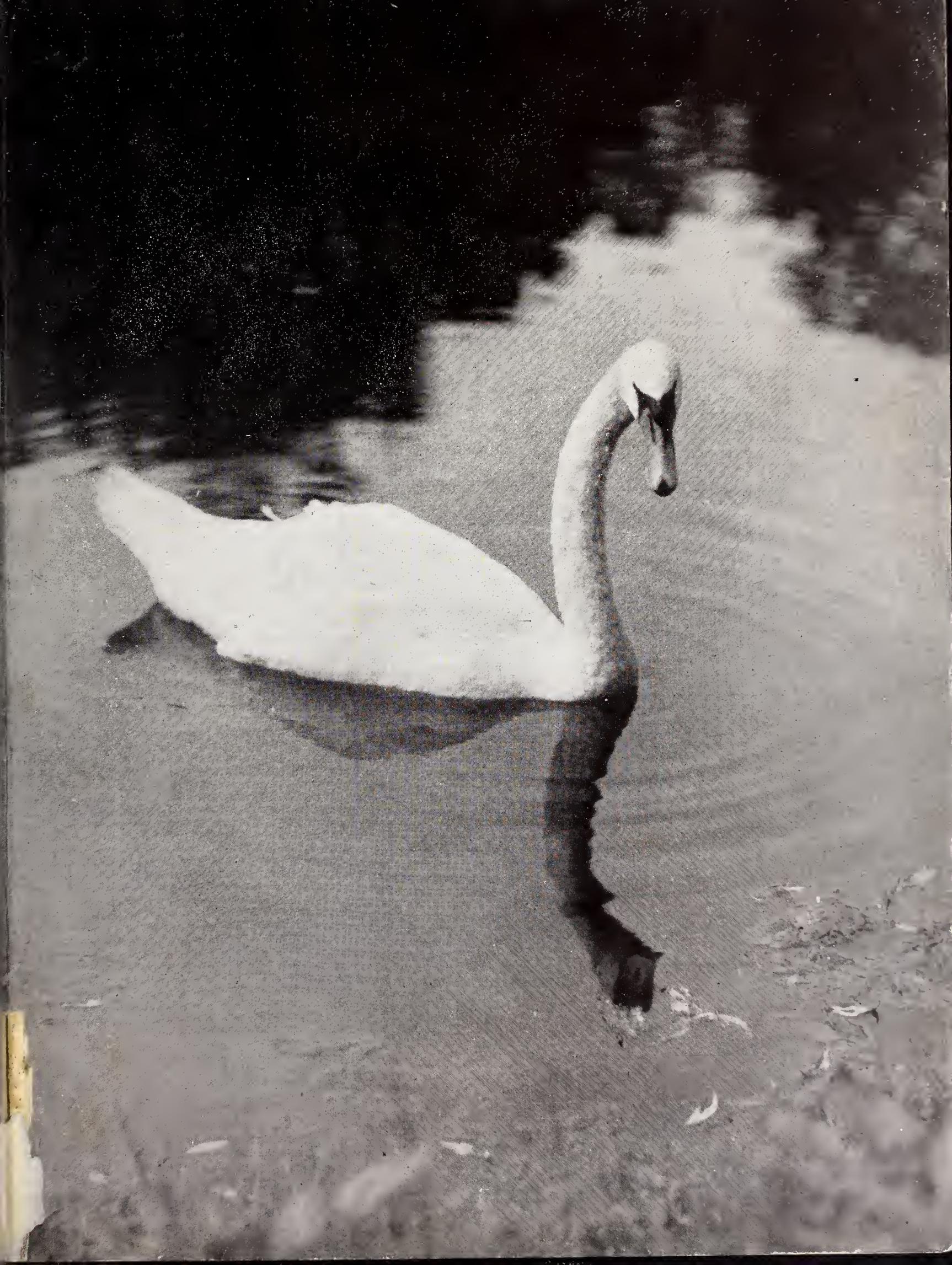
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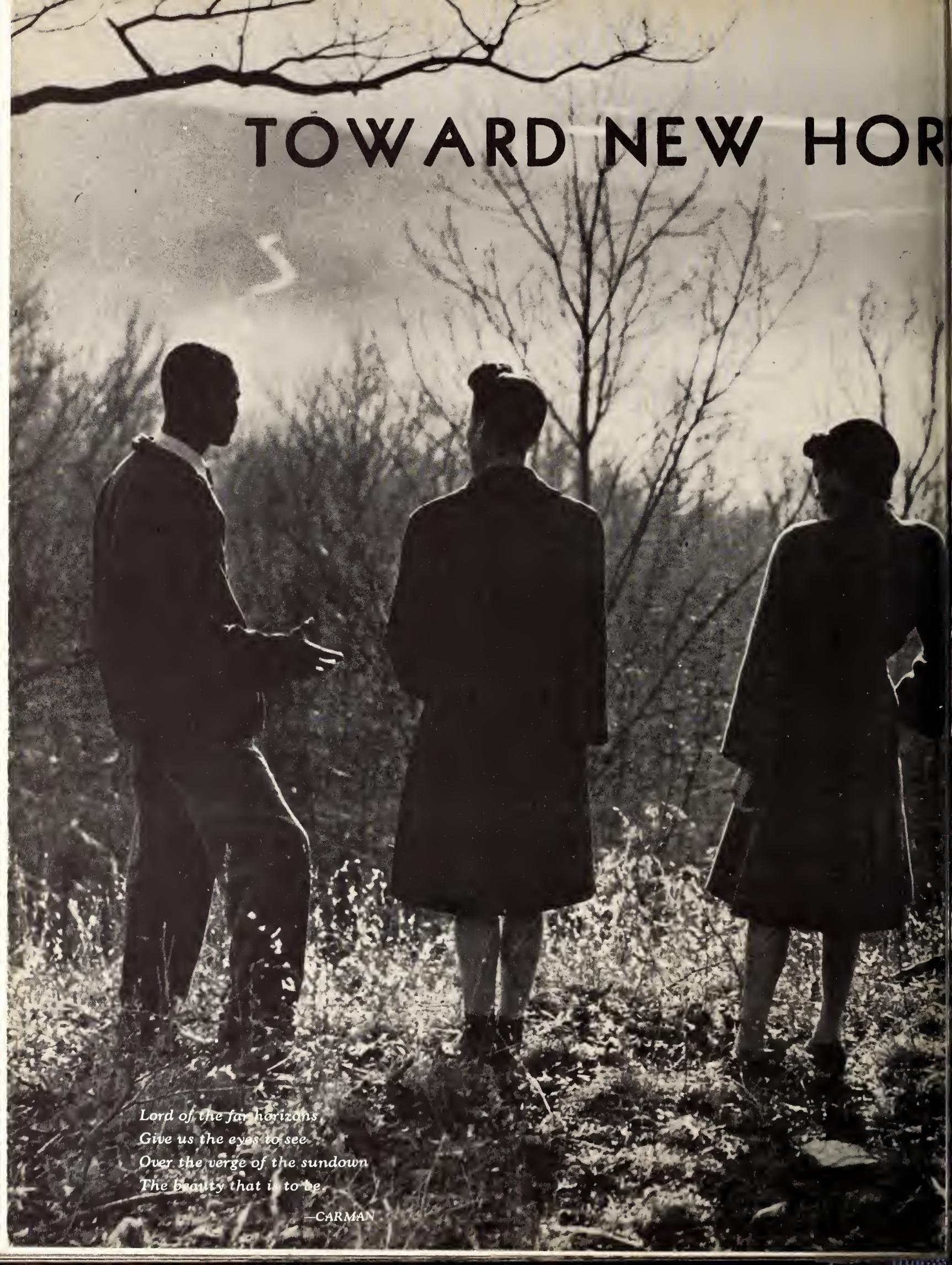




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Give us the eyes to see  
Over the verge of the sundown  
The beauty that is to be.*

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